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BALKANS WORRY USSR

MR. Leonid Brezhnev, the Soviet Communist leader, plans a visit to Belgrade to forestall any attempt by the Chinese to forge a Balkan grouping against the Soviet Union. It will be his first visit outside the Warsaw Pact countries since becoming the Party leader in 1964, and emphasizes Moscow's acute embarrassment over the present state of affairs in the Balkans, and the need to prevent any partial Balkan grouping that would be used as a weapon against Russia.

The key issue at the moment between Yugoslavia and the Soviet Union is President Tito's fear that after his departure from the political scene Moscow will try to regain its influence over Yugoslavia, a fear that is supported by indications of splits within the federation.

Moscow clearly sees a conceivably dangerous convergence of American and Chinese interests in the Balkans. In Albania, the Chinese already have a very pliable instrument to further their policy of undermining Moscow's position in the area. And lately there has been a growing tendency in Bucharest, as well as Belgrade, to pay more heed to Peking and Washington than to Moscow. Rumours about a grand tour of the Balkans in the autumn by Chinese Premier Chou En-lai have only served to worry the Russians even more.

Mr. Brezhnev's journey therefore has become necessary if a compromise is to emerge. The talks between him and Marshal Tito will be tough, but Mr. Brezhnev will be conciliatory. He will offer his assurance that Moscow does not contemplate any military measures against Yugoslavia. He might even offer suitable guarantees to this effect but in return he is bound to demand Yugoslavia's strict neutrality in the Sino-Soviet dispute and an assurance that ties with the U.S. will become no closer. Mr. Brezhnev will declare that Yugoslavia must protect the strategic interests of the Soviet Union in the Balkans in return for assurances of security. He can offer Belgrade trade incentives that might just be tempting in view of current difficulties in the Yugoslav economy.

A reconciliation between Tito and Brezhnev would have important repercussions elsewhere. From the Soviet viewpoint one of the most satisfactory by-products would be to isolate Rumania in the Balkans. Ever since the Soviet intervention in Czechoslovakia in 1968, the Rumanians have been trying to get Belgrade's support to resurrect the Balkan entity as an idea if not as a political fact. Bucharest may have underestimated the ambivalence of Belgrade's attitude on the question and the genuine difficulties in the way, particularly as Bulgaria has remained a faithful ally of Moscow.

Moscow has too many institutional ties with Rumania to worry about the danger of genuine defection from the bloc, but Bucharest has never hesitated to express open criticism of the Soviet Union. Despite loud protestations, Bucharest has just signed the plan for economic integration of the East European countries, perhaps the single most important long-term development in the region in recent years. Rumania can continue to play this game without incurring serious risks, and Moscow will have to continue to tolerate it, as long as it contains no open threat.

A survivor of the fire on board the ferry boat Heleanna is carried on a stretcher from the ship which rescued him (background) to a waiting ambulance. (AP radiophoto)

GREEK SHIP PACKED WITH TOURISTS

35 DEAD, MORE MISSING AS FERRY BURNS

BRINDISI, Italy. — The Greek ferry Heleanna with more than 1,100 persons aboard burned from stem to stern yesterday in the Adriatic Sea, turning a holiday cruise into a nightmare of death and destruction.

Italian naval authorities said at least 35 persons died in the inferno which broke out in the kitchen of the 170-metre-long ferry about 40 kms. north of this port on the heel of the Italian boot. The fire was reportedly caused by the explosion of a liquid gas container.

The chief steward told authorities there were 1,128 persons aboard the ferry billed by her owners as the world's largest. However, the ship owner said there were only 980 aboard.

By nightfall, authorities said they had accounted for 910 survivors, 60 of them injured and in area hospitals, and had recovered 35 bodies. Based on the chief steward's figures, that left 183 persons missing. On the owner's figures, it left 35 missing. Authorities said an exact count was difficult because survivors had been taken to many small villages along the coast.

Scores of persons were injured in the fire and in the ensuing panic which saw many persons jump overboard in pajamas and frantically swim toward rescue vessels on the horizon.

Authorities said the death toll was less than it might have been because the sea was calm and the fire occurred in a heavily used shipping lane. Many freighters and fishing boats were near at hand to respond to Captain Dimitrios Anthipas' SOS distress call.

The volunteer rescuers worked all day along with Italian Navy helicopters and rescue boats from as far away as Venice to fish survivors and bodies from the sea.

Some survivors said they were in the water three hours before being picked up by the merchant ships, navy gunboats and small fishing vessels that converged on the scene.

An undetermined number of dead were still floating in the Adriatic six hours after the disaster.

A Lebanese freighter, Universe Defender, plucked about 400 survivors from the heaving sea and made for Brindisi. A Soviet ship, Svoboda, took on 60 persons. A Grumman plane from a U.S. Air Force base dropped rafts after its pilot spotted many persons swimming away from the burning ship.

The ferry, loaded with tourists, was heading from the Greek ports of Piraeus and Corfu to the Italian city of Ancona when the blaze erupted. The Greek captain sent an SOS at 6.20 local time. Italian authorities said the captain survived the disaster and was picked up by a ship.

Survivors reported scenes of terror as they abandoned ship, many of them by diving into the dark

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YEN UP 5% AS FLOAT BEGINS

TOKYO. — The Japanese yen rose by five per cent in relation to the dollar in the usual Saturday half-day of dealings yesterday as the official Bank of Japan hovered close by to prevent any over-drastic changes.

The yen, which many nations claim was grossly under-valued, was finally allowed to float on Friday to find its own level against the dollar.

Yesterday, from a previous fixed rate of 360 to the dollar, the Japanese currency ended the day at around 342 yen on the official market. But at hotels and in banks the yen had gone up more to 320 to the dollar.

Observers noted a climate of uncertainty. One banker declared: "We are floating in uncertain waters." He would not predict at present where the yen was headed.

Officials refused to confirm widespread reports that the Bank of Japan stepped in during the morning's exchange trading to peg the parity change at slightly more than five per cent.

Banking sources said they believed the government did not want

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'U.S. hopes for brief Council meeting'

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Information received in Jerusalem indicates that King Hussein has decided to call for a Security Council meeting, but nothing concrete is known, informed sources here said last night. It was speculated that Hussein now considered that enough time had passed since the fighting in Jordan to permit such a move.

The possibility of a Council meeting has been the subject of contacts in Washington between Israel Ambassador Yitzhak Rabin and State Department officials. While Israel maintains that a Council meeting would be damaging and futile, it seems that the State Department has refrained from making strenuous efforts to prevent one. Instead, it has apparently expressed hopes that the expected Council session would be brief and restrained.

The Cairo press report that it was intended to broaden the Council deliberations to serve as a basis for the Arab offensive against Israel seemed to have Jerusalem guessing. It was theorised that the report could be part of a war of nerves against Israel and the U.S.; that it reflected Cairo's displeasure at the prospect of Hussein taking the centre of the stage; or that Egypt had in fact decided to turn to the Security Council instead of, or in addition to, later moves in the General Assembly.

COUNCIL'S AUTHORITY

Unlike the Assembly, the Security Council has the authority to make binding recommendations. However, it is probably taken for granted in Jerusalem that any move in the Council, such as a call for sanctions, or a formulated interpretation of the 1967 Security Council resolution, would be thwarted by the U.S. and other members.

Jerusalem officials do not mention it, but the recent note on the Gaza Strip sent to Israel by U.N. Secretary-General U Thant could be brought up by Egypt at the expected Council meeting. Since dispatching the note, U Thant declared that he was not publishing the contents, but added cryptically that the matter would be reported on "in due course."

U.S. to send two giant planes here

WASHINGTON (Reuter). — The U.S. will deliver two C-130 transport aircraft to Israel where they will be used as cargo carriers, government sources said yesterday.

Israel asked for the big planes in January and they are expected to be delivered later this year. The four-engined C-130 Hercules is in regular use in Vietnam.

It could be used by Israel for rapid transport of troops and bulky military equipment, such as armoured personnel carriers.

The "Washington Post" said Friday the planes would be delivered in October. They will cost between $3m. and $4m., and will be "the first-big and relatively modern military transport introduced into the Israeli inventory, which is now limited to about 30 world War II and 1950 planes for hauling military cargo and troops," the paper said.

Built by Lockheed, the four-engine aircraft has a range of over 3,200 kilometres and a speed of 480 kph. It can take off and land on relatively short runways.

The Hercules can carry 36,700 lbs. of cargo, 92 fully equipped troops, or 64 paratroops. It has a crew of four.

Israeli pilots have undergone training in the planes at Little Rock, Arkansas.

The U.S. has sold a number of C-130s to Arab countries in recent years but these will be the first for Israel.

3 RIGA JEWS ARE JAILED

NEW YORK (INA). — Three Riga Jews have been sentenced to 15 days for "hooliganism," it was reported on Friday by the American Jewish Conference on Soviet Jewry. Two of them — Yerahmiel Trubeskin and Munia Yechielson — had staged a hunger strike at the visa office last Sunday. They and Menuha Tesal were sentenced last Monday, the report said.

Jordan, Egypt seeking U.N. Mid-East talks

Jerusalem Post Arab Affairs Reporter

The U.N. Security Council is expected to meet this week to discuss a Jordanian complaint against Israel's "actions in Jerusalem." While reporting that Jordan was asking a meeting, Cairo's semi-official newspaper "Al-Ahram" said yesterday that Egypt wanted the Council's debate to cover the Middle East issue as a whole.

Egypt's chief U.N. delegate, Dr. Mohammed Hassan Zayyat, will leave Cairo tomorrow for New York to press Egypt's view that the debate be widened, and not deal with Jerusalem only.

"Al-Ahram" said that Zayyat would request that Egypt be allowed to take part in the council debate.

Egyptian President Anwar Sadat was reported last night to have taken an active part in shaping Egypt's strategy for the forthcoming U.N. debate. Cairo Radio said that Sadat would this week conduct a series of top-level meetings aimed at evaluating the situation in the Middle East.

The Egyptian President will this week receive a Middle East policy report from his Foreign Minister, Mahmoud Riad.

Sadat is due to convey Riad's report to Egypt's highest policy-making body, the Arab Socialist Union's Central Committee, to whom he has pledged that the coming four months will be decisive in setting the Middle East conflict "by war or peace."

Sadat will meet the Central Committee and the Cabinet separately today although the meetings, according to reports, will be devoted to the endorsing of the tripartite Federal draft constitution, which will be put to plebiscite in Egypt, Syria and Libya on Wednesday.

Meanwhile, Jordan's Foreign Minister, Abdullah Salah, arrived in Cairo yesterday, for talks with his Egyptian counterpart, Mahmoud Riad, on the Security Council session. While Cairo and Amman appear to follow different lines of policy in their approach to the Middle East issue, Salah's visit was said to be aimed at coordinating the stands of the two countries, whose relations have been at odds since President Sadat came to power.

Cairo is Mr. Salah's second stop in a tour of three Arab states — the others are Lebanon and Saudi Arabia. The Jordanian Foreign Minister came to Egypt after a three-day visit to Lebanon, where he held talks with President Suleiman Franjieh, Premier Sa'eb Salam and Foreign Minister Khalil Abu Hamad. In Beirut Mr. Salah said he was concerned over the lack of inter-Arab harmony, noting to reporters that he did not know "how the Arabs were going to face the Council session."

Mr. Salah's tour was sharply criticized last night by the Cairo-based Fatah radio, which took an issue with Jordan for concentrating its political activity on the issue of Jerusalem. While accusing Jordan of "partitioning" the conflict with Israel, the radio said that "the issue is not that of Jerusalem only but the complete liberation of all Palestine."

Amman Radio said last night that Tunisian Foreign Minister Mohammed al-Masmoudi yesterday delivered a message to Pope Paul from President Habib Bourguiba on the question of Jerusalem. Al-Masmoudi arrived in Rome on Friday to seek what he termed as an urgent audience with the Pope on the "Judaization of Jerusalem."

Beirut to buy Soviet arms

BEIRUT (Reuter). — Lebanon will definitely buy arms from the Soviet Union under a £26.6m. five-year defence plan approved by Parliament on Thursday, the Communist newspaper "al-Nidaa" reported here yesterday.

It quoted Dr. Elias Saba, Lebanon's Acting Defence Minister, as telling reporters on Friday: "I affirm that we will buy arms from the Soviet Union. I visited Moscow and was offered very attractive prices..."

Another newspaper, pro-Egypt "Al-Anwar," quoted the Minister as saying that his negotiations in Moscow were "extremely successful."

Dr. Saba visited the Soviet Union last month on an arms-shopping tour which also took him to Britain, Spain and France.

Plane crashes into sea

COPENHAGEN (AP). — A Hungarian National Airlines jetliner crashed last night in the sea off Copenhagen's Kastrup International Airport with 33 people, but first reports said the craft was in shallow waters and survivors were being picked up.

The Ilyushin-18 airliner en route from Oslo, Norway, to Budapest was coming in to land in darkness, heavy rain and strong winds, when it suddenly vanished from radar screens, airport officials said.

Search helicopters spotted the plane near the small island of Saltholm between Sweden and Denmark in an area of shallow waters only about three metres deep, airport officials said.

First reports said a pilot's boat and a hydrofoil ferry picked up 15 survivors.

AFRICA LEADERS TO VISIT ISRAEL

Jerusalem Post Reporter

The committee of four African Presidents set up last week by the Organization of African Unity to contact Israel and Egypt is to visit Israel, it was confirmed in Jerusalem last night.

It had not been clear what had been meant by "contact," but Israel envoys in Dakar and other capitals of the four African countries received word over the weekend that the four Presidents will visit Jerusalem and Cairo.

The members of the committee are Presidents Leopold Senghor, of Senegal, the chairman; Joseph Mobutu, of Congo-Kinshasa; Ahmadou Ahidjo, of Cameroun, and General Yakubu Gowon, of Nigeria. It was set up by the Middle East Commission of the Organization for African Unity to contact Israel and Egypt and gain information "before finalizing proposals on the Middle East situation." According to the announced decision, the full 10-member Commission would later meet in Dakar.

DATE NOT DISCLOSED

The date of the visit of the four Presidents to Israel was not disclosed last night, but it was not expected to be before the opening of the forthcoming annual U.N. General Assembly, on September 21. The fixing of a date for a visit simultaneously by four Presidents will apparently take some preparation.

Israel officials have declared that the panel will be welcome to visit the country. Cairo has expressed a similar view. While on the face of it the composition of the panel seems somewhat balanced, Israel diplomats anticipate a tough struggle for African support because of the special weight Arab countries enjoy in African continental organizations. The committee of four was set up in the wake of an anti-Israel resolution adopted by the OAU in Addis Ababa.

Nevertheless, Foreign Minister Eban is said to take the view that the struggle should be pressed for-

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Israel fires at intruding Egypt planes

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Israeli forces opened anti-aircraft fire on Egyptian Sukhoi 7's which twice flew over Israeli positions yesterday along the Eastern Bank of the Suez Canal, a military spokesman reported here.

The spokesman said a complaint had been lodged with the U.N. staff in Jerusalem about the intrusions.

The first incident occurred at 11.40 a.m. when a pair of Sukhoi 7's flew over Israeli positions in the northern sector of the Canal.

Five minutes later another pair of Sukhois flew over positions in the central sector of the waterway, the spokesman added.

CHAD BLAMES LIBYA IN COUP ATTEMPT

FORT LAMY, Chad. — Tanks stood at key sectors of Fort Lamy yesterday, particularly around the national radio station, as life gradually returned to normal after an abortive coup attempt against President Francois Tombalbaye on Thursday and Friday.

Libya's charge d'Affaires in Chad left here for home yesterday after Foreign Minister Baba Hassane had asked him to leave as soon as possible. He accused Libya of interfering in Chad's internal affairs.

Chad announced it was breaking off relations with Libya, its northern neighbour.

President Tombalbaye said in a broadcast statement yesterday that no minister had been arrested in connection with the plot. He added: "We do not want to arrest anyone, only the guilty, and we hope to make the truth clear. This time the elite of Chad is innocent."

Chad's national radio, in a commentary entitled "What does Libya want in Africa?" said yesterday:

"When President Tombalbaye's policy has always been a good neighbour one, when efforts undertaken on the continental scale by all African countries tend to unite the peoples of Africa, here is Gaddafi's Libya wanting to destroy all that was done by the builders of new Africa while he was nothing but an obscure soldier hidden away in his barracks."

Official statements said the Chad Government had the situation well in hand.

The coup attempt details were given by President Tombalbaye to his ministers yesterday, and later the security services said the main plotters had been arrested. There were no clear details of the coup.

One of the "instigators" of the coup, a former Member of Parliament, Ahmed Abdallah, killed himself in a pause during his interrogation by police, according to official sources.

Government officials said the coup aimed to eliminate all "healthy, patriotic and nationalistic" elements of President Tombalbaye's government and bring in "a government with close links abroad."

Foreign Minister Baba Hassane told the diplomatic corps here that Chad authorities had realized for some time that a neighbouring country with which Chad had wanted to maintain good relations was interferring, through agents, in Chad's internal affairs.

Mr. Hassane named the country as Libya and said it had been aided by an imperialist and neo-colonialist big power, which he did not identify.

Chad, which is largely desert, has been using French troops to help subdue a revolt by dissident nomadic Moslem tribesmen in the northern area over the past few years.

Some French troops are still in the country, but were reported in Paris on Friday to have been confined to their barracks during the coup attempt on Thursday and Friday.

President Tombalbaye, 53, has ruled the country since its independence from France in 1960.

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Social and Personal

President Shazar on Friday received Mr. S.Z. Shragai; Mr. Shimon Kushnir, who presented him with a copy of his book, "Rahel Veshirata," and Mr. Haim Finkelstein, head of the Jewish Agency Committee on Education in the Diaspora.

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The Deputy Mayor of Addis Ababa, Mr. B. Haillo, was the guest of Haifa Mayor Moshe Flieman on Friday.

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The Israel Consul General-designate to New York and Mrs. David Rivlin, on Friday were entertained to lunch at the Medical Centre in Jerusalem by Mrs. Vera Tsur, chairman of the Hadassah Council in Israel, and Dr. Jack Karpas, Associate Director of H.M.O.

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BIRTH

JACOBS — Jonathan and Yutka Jacobs, 6 Rehov Shunsanit, Haifa, announce the birth of their first child, a daughter, on August 25, a first grandchild to Mr. & Mrs. E. Tvani, 61/5 Rehov Hillel Silver, Israelis, Haifa, and fifth grandchild to Mr. & Mrs. Norman M. Jacobs, 24 Rehov Dubnov, Tel Aviv.

Kennedy coming to study Israel health service

WASHINGTON (Reuter). — Senator Edward Kennedy plans to visit Britain, Israel, Denmark and Sweden next month to study their national health programmes, an aide said Friday.

The Democratic Senator from Massachusetts, chairman of the Senate Labour Subcommittee on Health, is leading a congressional fight for an American national health system more extensive than the one supported by the Nixon Administration.

The aide said the Senator's plans, which have now been confirmed after being in the tentative stage for more than a month, provide for him to begin his meetings in Britain on September 10. He will arrive in Israel on September 14, Copenhagen on September 16 and fly later that day to Stockholm.

The Senator plans to meet local medical officials to gather information on their health care programmes.

Bolivia closes 3 Universities

LA PAZ (AP). — The right-wing government of Colonel Hugo Banzer reacted on Friday to resistance from Bolivian students to his regime by closing three universities indefinitely. The suspension order involved the universities of La Paz, Santa Cruz and Trinidad, at which 17,000 students are enrolled. There are eight universities in the country.

Five persons were killed and 20 wounded in fighting between troops and students at La Paz University last week.

A report from Lima, Peru, says that the former Bolivian President, Juan Jose Torres, and 32 fellow exiles have settled down to temporary residence in a hotel in the city.

BIG FOUR APPROVAL EXPECTED SOON

2 Germanys to meet next week on Berlin

BONN. — Negotiations are expected to start in Bonn September 6, between West and East Germany on detailed arrangements which are to form part of the four-power agreement on Berlin, West German officials said yesterday.

They said the start of the negotiations between West and East German state secretaries Egon Bahr and Michael Kohl will be delayed only if the accord negotiated between the ambassadors of the Soviet Union, the U.S., France and Britain is not signed on September 2 as planned.

Swift approval of the agreement by the four governments involved seemed certain after Friday's announcement that U.S. President Nixon is satisfied with it.

The West German officials said the Bahr-Kohl negotiations on practical access arrangements to West Berlin, 177 kms. inside East Germany, will take at least three months. The eventual West-East German accord will form the second part of an overall Berlin agreement, which will then be approved as a whole and signed by the four ambassadors.

As in the preliminary talks Mr. Bahr and Mr. Kohl have held until now, the negotiations will be held in sessions alternating between Bonn and East Berlin.

The West German newspaper "Bild Zeitung" yesterday published excerpts it said were from the agreement on Berlin. The main news points were:

- The Soviet Union has agreed to quick-moving Berlin access traffic, but there is no guarantee mentioned.
- There is no direct mention of inter-Berlin traffic as such, but the Russians state that West Berliners will be able to visit areas adjacent to theirs as well as East Germany proper and that "more access points will be created." This follows reports from informed sources that the East Germans already were at work on six additional points through the wall that divides Berlin.
- The name "German Democratic Republic" appears twice in the excerpts printed by "Bild Zeitung." Inclusion of it in the pact would mean *de facto* recognition of East Germany.

In Moscow, the Communist Party newspaper "Sovietskaya Rossiya" said yesterday that progress achieved at the four-power talks on Berlin would make it easier to hold an all-European security conference. It was the first Soviet press comment on the draft agreement on Berlin. *(AP, Reuter)*

Three California state offices are bombed

SAN FRANCISCO (AP). — Powerful bombs ripped two California State Department of Corrections offices yesterday in San Francisco and Sacramento, and a Department of Rehabilitation office in San Mateo.

The blasts, which authorities said apparently were coordinated, caused extensive damage. No injuries were reported.

The San Francisco blast in the historic waterfront Ferry Building came after an anonymous phone caller said the bomb was planted there "in defence of Jackson." George Jackson, 29, one of the "Soledad Brothers," died with five other men in a San Quentin breakout attempt just one week ago.

In Sacramento, an anonymous woman caller saying she was a Weatherman member warned a phone operator that a large bomb was planted in the 17-story State Office Building tower. Weatherman is a radical youth group.

The first bomb in the series exploded at 12:07 a.m. in the State Department of Rehabilitation office in San Mateo. The Sacramento blast followed at 2:02 a.m. and the San Francisco explosion at 2:09 a.m., both at Department of Corrections buildings.

Police estimated damage at $50,000 in the Ferry Building offices. No estimates were available in Sacramento or San Mateo.

In San Francisco police said two warning calls came minutes before the second floor psychiatric out-patient clinic for paroless was demolished in the Ferry Building. The device had been planted in a crawlway above a false acoustical tile ceiling, police said.

MORE CLASHES ON UGANDA BORDER

KAMPALA (Reuter). — President Idi Amin said that Tanzanian troops opened fire on Ugandan border positions 320 kms. south-west of Kampala yesterday for the second day running.

The President, speaking to a mass rally on a two-day visit to Uganda's remote north-eastern district, said Ugandan forces had contained the situation.

General Amin said he had been briefed on the situation at the border, where fighting first broke out between Ugandan and Tanzanian troops five days ago.

Speaking at Amudat in the South Karamoja district, President Amin accused Tanzania's President, Julius Nyerere, and the former Uganda President, Dr. Milton Obote, of using the Tanzanian Army to try to restore Dr. Obote to power.

They felt regular troops might succeed where the guerrilla supporters of Dr. Obote had failed, he said.

(President Amin said in London last month that more than 1,000 Ugandan soldiers had died in clashes with the guerrillas along the Uganda-Tanzania border. No casualties have been reported on the Uganda side in last week's fighting with Tanzanian soldiers.)

Bennett Cerf dies at 73

MOUNT KISCO, New York (AP). — Publisher, television personality and writer Bennett Cerf died at his home here late Friday night. He was 73. The cause of death was not immediately known.

Mr. Cerf was chairman of Random House publishers, which he founded in 1927. He also was founder of Modern Library, Inc., and was its president. He appeared as a regular panelist on the "What's My Line" television programme from 1952 to 1966.

Born in New York May 25, 1898, Mr. Cerf was author of several books including "Try and Stop Me," "Laughing Stock," "Anything for a Laugh," "Encyclopedia of American Humour," "Life of the Party" and "Treasury of Atrocious Puns."

'Cairo elections were rigged'

CAIRO (Reuter). — Former Interior Minister Sharawy Gomaa has confessed under questioning that he helped to rig National Assembly elections in Egypt, according to a newspaper report here yesterday.

The ex-minister, among 91 defendants accused of conspiracy to overthrow President Sadat, acknowledged in a 217-page statement that he interfered in past assembly elections, the newspaper "Akhbar el Yom" said.

The trial, which opened on Wednesday, has been adjourned until September 4.

According to the newspaper, former Security Chief Ahmed Kamel in his statement admitted tapping telephone lines of Ministers and Assembly members and boasted that the country was being run by five people.

Soviet attack on 'Arab reactionaries'

MOSCOW (Reuter). — A Soviet foreign affairs weekly has warned Arab countries against anti-Communist policies and the pursuit of Arab unity without regard to social and political factors.

The weekly, "New Times," said that reactionary and right-wing nationalist forces in Arab countries were trying to raise the "black banner" of anti-Communism.

"They inspire simple Arabs with the thought that it is permissible to rely on socialist countries in the struggle against imperialism and Israeli aggression, while exterminating local Arab Communists."

Attempts to exclude Communists and their parties from the general struggle only "played into the hands of imperialist forces," the paper said.

2 Americans said killed by Ugandans

KAMPALA (Reuter). — Ugandan officials declined comment yesterday on an American newspaper report that two Americans, presumed to have died in south-western Uganda six weeks ago, were tortured and killed by Ugandan troops.

The "Washington Star" report Friday said the U.S. had strong circumstantial evidence that free-lance journalist Nicholas Stroh, 33, and university lecturer Robert Siedle, 46, were tortured for a full day before being killed by Ugandan troops.

U.S. officials in Weshington have confirmed that the U.S. has pressed Uganda on the need to determine the fate of the two men but have denied that it has made any firm judgement on how they might have died.

Mr. Stroh, who was a part-time correspondent of the "Washington Star" and several other American newspapers and radio stations, left here with Mr. Siedle for Mbarara, Uganda, on July 7 to investigate reports of a tribal purge said to have taken place at the barracks there two weeks before. The two men were reliably reported to have been detained at the barracks two days later.

Usually well informed diplomatic sources here said it appeared that they died sometime during the next 72 hours.

A supporter of a South Vietnamese parliamentary candidate tacks a poster to a pole in downtown Saigon yesterday as the political campaign drew to a close. Elections for the Lower House are to be held today. (AP radiophoto)

Egyptian labour unrest reported

LONDON (UNA). — The "Daily Telegraph" reports from Cairo that Egyptian leaders are becoming increasingly worried by a wave of labour unrest.

There have been demonstrations in support of demands for higher wages and, according to Egyptian authorities, Communist agitators have been stirring up trouble, the paper says.

GADDAFI WARNS THE RUSSIANS

BEIRUT (Reuter). — The Libyan leader, Colonel Muammar Gaddafi, warned the Soviet Union on Friday against permitting its relations with the Arabs to be affected by the activities of local Communists.

"This will seriously harm Soviet relations in the Arab world," he said in an interview with the Lebanese weekly newspaper, "Al-Hawadeth," published here on Friday.

Asked about the possibility of reconciling cooperation with Russia and liquidating Communism in the Arab world, Gaddafi said: "Our economic relations, particularly in arms, represent a commercial operation. The Russians do not give us weapons as a gift, but sell them to us, and we pay fully."

Gaddafi said that the Soviet Union, "like China, is a friendly country, but interference in our affairs is rejected whether this be from the East or the West. We are against Communism, and Communism is against Islam.

"If the Soviet Union allowed its official relations with the Arabs to be affected because of Communist activities, this will constitute a major violation of the principles in international policy advocated by the Soviet Union and will seriously harm its own interests.

"I believe the Soviet Union is well aware of its interests and will not permit the deterioration of these relations."

Gaddafi said that the only way to settle the conflict with Israel was by war, even though the Arab world was in disarray.

Besides hostility towards Israel, Gaddafi suggested "socialism based on Islam" as a unifying force in the Arab world.

"We are against both Communism and capitalism as a system. We must have respect for private property and live up to our Islamic heritage and tradition," said Gaddafi.

AMMAN F.M. FLIES TO CAIRO

New moves to end Jordan crisis reported

Jerusalem Post Arab Affairs Reporter

A spokesman for the Palestine Liberation Organization in Beirut said yesterday he knew nothing about a Cairo report which claimed that a reconciliation meeting between the Jordanian authorities and the terrorists would take place in Jeddah, Saudi Arabia, on Tuesday. The report of the meeting was published by Egypt's mass-circulation paper "Akhbar al-Yom."

Nevertheless, two members of the P.L.O. Central Committee, Zohair Mohsin and Khaled el-Hassan, were yesterday morning asked by the Egyptian Government to come to Cairo from Damascus. This call coincided with the arrival in Cairo of Jordan's Foreign Minister Abdullah Salah, who is due to fly to Jeddah today on the third leg of a tour which took him earlier to Beirut.

Cairo reports over the week-end indicated that Egypt and Saudi Arabia had renewed their joint efforts aimed at settling the dispute between the Jordanian Government and the terrorists. These reports said that a proposed settlement was drafted following the mediation efforts of a mission of two envoys of Egypt and Saudi Arabia, President Sadat's personal representative, Dr. Hassan Sabri al-Khouly, and Saudi Minister of State for Foreign Affairs, Omar Sakkaf. This settlement was said to be aimed also at ending the crisis between Jordan and Syria, who have severed relations.

So far, however, neither the Jordanian Government nor the terrorists have indicated approval of the proposed settlement.

While the terrorists repeated over the week-end that there was no place for reconciliation with the "hireling" regime of King Hussein, the latter vowed yesterday not to permit the terrorists to regain their former status in Jordan. In a meeting with army units, King Hussein expressed his determination to resist any Arab pressure over the terrorist issue, saying that "whoever wants us to kneel has not yet been born."

King Hussein paid tribute to the role of the armed forces in restoring security and stability in Jordan.

"Today, the first day of the academic year, I saw students going to schools," he said. "Last year, they were unable to attend regular studies for some time."

Yen is floated

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to be handicapped by too big a change before the world's richest nations meet next month to discuss parity adjustments against the dollar.

Japan has been denying claims by many nations that the yen was grossly undervalued and would not like to see her critics proved right at this stage, the sources added.

Japan's dramatic decision to bow to international pressure and let the yen find a new level came only three days after economic ministers here ruled out revaluation of the yen and indicated that Japan was prepared for a protracted currency war.

The decision was announced by the Finance Ministry on Friday and described as a temporary measure.

After the announcement, banking sources said they believed the yen was floated to improve Japan's bargaining position at the Japan-U.S. cabinet-level committee meeting on trade and economic affairs to be held in Washington on September 9 and 10.

It should also improve Japan's position at the meeting of the group of 10 — the world's richest banking nations — to be held in London on September 15.

With the yen floating in the same way as many other major currencies, Japan could ward off a U.S. attack upon its undervalued currency and press for withdrawal of the 10 per cent import surcharge imposed by President Nixon on August 15, banking sources said.

Trade officials said Japan's total estimated loss in its global exports in fiscal 1971 will total about $5,400m. due to the U.S. import surcharge and the yen float.

The U.S. Treasury welcomed Japan's decision to float the yen, and said it regarded the move "as a further step towards a more realistic realignment of international exchange rates."

The British and European currency markets reacted favourably Friday to Japan's decision. However, they were closed yesterday.

Common Market sources in Brussels welcomed the Japanese decision as helpful in firming up the true value of currency exchanges. Meanwhile, quotations on Friday of other currencies were hesitant and fluctuating except in Germany, where the dollar fell. *(Reuter, AP, UPI)*

23 killed in Durban bus crash

DURBAN (Reuter). — A bus packed with Africans plunged off a bridge near this coastal resort yesterday killing 23 people and seriously injuring 45, police said.

The bus fell from a minor road on to the main South Coast road wrecking a car and a truck.

All the dead were Africans. The white driver of the car received serious head injuries.

Smuggled hashish in Nasser busts

BEIRUT (AP). — Three Egyptians who smuggled hashish to Cairo concealed in plaster busts of Abdel Nasser have been arrested, Lebanese police said yesterday.

Poles pursue Jackie Onassis

WARSAW (AP). — Mrs. Jacqueline Onassis yesterday narrowly escaped a bone-crushing crowd in Warsaw by jumping into an empty street car that drove her off to safety.

The incident occurred after the funeral of Edmund Prince Radziwill, brother-in-law of her sister Mrs. Lee Radziwill.

Thousands of Warsawians jammed the street outside the small cemetery where the ceremony took place and forced her to wade through a potato field after she left the cemetery gate. Pursued by a jostling crowd into the field, she suddenly turned back and slipped into an empty street car immobilized by the throng.

KY ADVISER GOES TO U.S. TO TRY TO STOP ELECTIONS

SAIGON. — Vice-President Nguyen Cao Ky's chief adviser has left for Washington to confer with Nixon Administration officials in an effort to prevent the South Vietnamese presidential election from being held on October 3, informed sources said yesterday.

Some reports said Dang Duc Khoi left here on a U.S. military plane, but there was no immediate confirmation from the American Embassy.

He reportedly is carrying messages from Mr. Ky to Mr. Nixon and his national security adviser, Henry Kissinger. Mr. Kissinger met with Mr. Ky when he visited Saigon last July.

Mr. Khoi's trip to Washington was kept secret until the last minute, sources said, because it was feared that President Nguyen Van Thieu might attempt to block it. Mr. Khoi was described as "carrying Ky's fight back in Washington," to prevent Mr. Thieu from going ahead with the presidential election on October 3. He is the only candidate.

Mr. Khoi is expected to remain in Washington about 10 days. He has lived in Washington in recent years, but returned to Saigon last spring to help Mr. Ky map plans to run for president against Mr. Thieu.

In a related development, the rector of the anti-Government An Quang Pagoda, Venerable Thien Hoa, told Vietnamese newsmen that the sect has decided officially to boycott today's National Assembly and the October presidential elections. Thien Hoa said, however, he would leave it up to individual voters to decide whether they wanted to cast ballots.

South Vietnam's main cities, especially Saigon, will resemble armed camps today when seven million voters select a new House of Representatives.

The polling booths will be closely guarded following a campaign overshadowed by threats of Vietcong terrorism, charges of election rigging and calls on voters to boycott the poll, including that of Thien Hoa.

The voters, about 40 per cent of South Vietnam's total population, have to choose 159 representatives from 1,242 candidates to act as their voice for the next four years.

The last time elections were held in South Vietnam, a year ago, hundreds of civilians were killed and wounded by terrorist attacks. Several thousand troops have moved into the capital in the past weeks, taking up strategic positions, and all other government soldiers have been ordered to remain at their camps. *(AP, Reuter)*

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Gandhi defied by strikers

CALCUTTA (AP). — Leftist trade unions defied Prime Minister Indira Ghandi's Government on Friday and paralyzed West Bengal state with a one-day general strike.

A major labour federation, backed by the militant Marxist Communist Party, ignored pleas by the Government that the strike would disrupt relief supplies to more than six million East Pakistani refugees in the state and to flood-hit areas near the overflowing Ganges.

One of the unions' major demands was the immediate recognition of the Bangla Desh government in East Pakistan. They also wanted some privately-owned factories to be taken over by the Government and unemployment benefits to be increased.

The strike was complete in Calcutta, and reports from other parts of the state said that the unions had evidently succeeded in halting nearly all business activity. Police said the strike was peaceful.

Mrs. Lil Armstrong, 68, former wife of the late trumpeter Louis Armstrong, laughed as she kicked out a tune on the piano Friday at Chicago's Civic Centre Plaza during a tribute to "Satchmo." While still playing, she collapsed and died of a heart attack. (AP radiophoto)

U.K. measures to cut speculation

LONDON (AP). — The British Government on Friday night announced surprise control measures to restrict speculation in pound sterling holdings by persons or firms outside the country.

The new measures, announced by the Treasury, come into effect Tuesday, after Britain's Monday bank holiday.

The Treasury measures limit the extent to which authorized banks may convert foreign currency deposits into pounds. A Treasury statement said the controls were being imposed "to discourage speculative inflows from abroad."

Financial sources assessed the controls as a strong step to discourage the flow into Britain of "hot" money — speculators' cash or the loose foreign currency holdings of big international firms which move from country to country in search of profit from exchange or interest rates.

Banks and discount houses operating for residents outside the sterling area will not pay interest on further pounds deposited after Tuesday, the Treasury said.

Home plans visit to Moscow

LONDON (Reuter). — The British Foreign Secretary, Sir Alec Douglas-Home, is hoping to visit Moscow early next year, informed British sources said here on Friday.

The sources said that the British and Soviet Governments were in contact about the visit.

They recalled that Soviet Foreign Minister Andrei Gromyko had invited Sir Alec to visit Moscow when he was in London for talks last October.

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WHY MALTA'S MINTOFF IS IN SUCH A HURRY

By JOE SCICLUNA

VALETTA (Gemini). — THE Maltese people are somewhat bewildered by the rounds of talks with Britain, Russia and Libya over the future of their base and dockyard facilities.

Their harbours are empty of warships — Prime Minister Dom Mintoff has banned British and American warships from visiting the island — the first Nato families are preparing to leave and the headquarters staff is getting ready to go as well. This will mean an annual loss of at least £2 million alone plus a number of jobs.

Meantime, Malta is so broke that, according to the Governor-General Sir Anthony Mamo in his speech opening Parliament, the Government is finding it is hard-pressed to find enough cash to pay salaries.

Sir Anthony said that Mintoff's insistence on renegotiating the agreement with Britain for the continued use of the island's military, naval and air bases was brought about by the acute financial situation.

But even before his party won a one-seat majority in last June's elections Mintoff had said he intended to ask Britain for more cash for the bases. How much he has asked for is still unknown here.

Reports put the amount at between £20m. and £30m. annually. Britain and her Nato allies have offered him an annual cash payment of £5m. shared by Britain and some of her Nato allies plus £3½ in development aid offered by Britain.

This works out at about £38m. over the next four years against the £4.8m. Britain pays under the 1964 defence and financial agreement which still has three years to run.

In addition British forces here spend about £13m. sterling annually, and 9,000 Maltese are still gainfully employed by the services.

Some Nato countries, notably West Germany, the U.S. and Italy, are said to be willing to sign bilateral aid treaties over and above the British offer.

This notwithstanding the fact that Mintoff had snubbed Nato by declaring its most senior officer here, Italian Admiral Gino Brindelli, *persona non grata* and later asking the organization to remove the headquarters it has maintained here for 18 years.

As soon as Notes had been exchanged containing a new counter-offer by Britain and a reply from Mintoff he was having off to Libya in an executive jet provided by the Tripoli government, whose declared intention is to see Malta a neutral country free from the political and military influences of east and west.

This was stated by the Libyan Deputy Prime Minister, Major Jalloud, when he arrived here not long after Mintoff came to power.

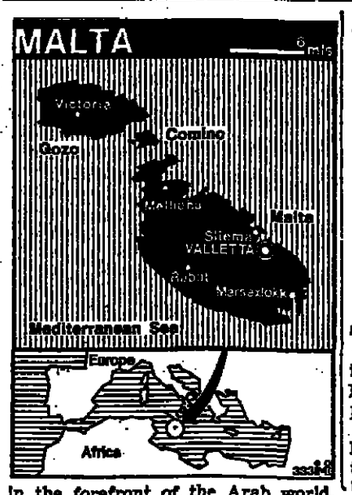
Major Jalloud arrived suddenly a second time and in total secrecy at once talked to Mintoff, keeping another interested visitor waiting for 45 minutes.

This was none other than the Russian non-resident Ambassador to the island, Mikhail Smirnovsky, who is accredited to Britain. His visit was sudden and unexpected. He told a German radio reporter just after a long talk with Mintoff that Russia was willing to help Malta if it were asked.

But he did not answer the follow-up question as to whether Russia had in fact been asked to help. The Russians are anxious to secure a foothold in Malta or at least to extend their influence here. They are said to have renewed their request to set up an Embassy in Malta and to send merchant ships to repair and refit in Malta's empty dockyard.

Libya, oil-rich and anxious to be in the forefront of the Arab world, is trying to outbid Britain to ensure that Malta remains a neutral outpost instead of a western fortress.

But the Maltese have suddenly become aware of an underlying fear that Libya, Egypt and Syria, which are to federate, could be under the influence of Russia, which having failed to come in through the door, is trying to come in through the window.



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The man-made cliffs of Valetta's Grand Harbour.

'A very real nation'

The 'Observer's' Patrick O'Donovan draws a portrait of the island of Malta, its people and history.

THE dispute that the island of Malta has been conducting with Britain, with Italy, with the United States, with Nato, has a sort of historic inevitability. In the past, history has been something that happened to Malta. Now the Maltese are taking the initiative — with a vengeance. It is, after all, their turn.

For, although Malta is only the size of a jewel as countries go, it is none the less a very real nation itself. It is about 17 by nine miles in size. It has a population of some 350,000. It has little water and no natural resources. In geography it is set in the centre of the Mediterranean, the sea around which the world once turned.

But it has survived despite the various occupations. Its language is of Semitic origin and is probably close to that of the Phoenician spoken by Dido and Hannibal. Its low and rocky hills are littered with the mysterious relics of prehistory in the form of cave tombs and things carved into the living rock.

It has been raided over and over again by slavers. It was probably here that St. Paul was shipwrecked. And it remains, passionately, joyously, tolerantly, Roman Catholic.

Its chief civic occupation has been to build huge domed churches. It is a bare, crowded, honey-coloured, stone-littered, austere little place. It is showered with palaces and convents and noble churches and its great places have treasures that few cities of the size of this island could match.

Its history? It was taken by the Arabs and held in a peculiarly dreary sort of clutch from 870 to 1090. Then it passed to Christian sovereigns, to those of Anjou and then of Aragon and then of Spain, and in 1530 the King of Spain gave the island to the Knights Hospitallers of St. John of Jerusalem at a rent of a falcon a year, and never, of course, asked leave of the Maltese.

These Knights were a strange but heroic Christian aberration. They were celibate and soldiers, dedicated to the protection of pilgrims to the Holy Places. They were supurb warriors, and, at a time of notable indiscipline, tended to obey orders. They were, in themselves, virtually a sovereign organization, with the power of an armoured division in a world of indolent infantry. They, like all the Crusaders, were driven off the island of Rhodes. They ended up imposed by the King of Spain as the Sovereigns of Malta.

Muslim invasion

In 1565, the Muslim Sultan Suleiman the Magnificent sent a vast fleet and army to take this most Christian island. The Maltese common people played a brave role in the seige, but only the names of nobles got recorded in war those days. The Maltese nobility took no part in the defence and locked themselves up in the ancient walled capital of Mdina.

In fact the seige of Malta means less to the Maltese than to the romantics. The Maltese nobility were not admitted into the ranks of the Knights. And the Knights of Malta petered out ignominiously under the threats of Napoleon on his way to conquer Egypt. The British, who then took over, made the Catholic Archbishop a major-general with all the military honours (though not the pay) that go with that rank. The present very combative old man who holds that office is Major-General Sir Michael Gonzi, Archbishop of Malta.

And the Maltese aristocracy survives. It has 29 separate peerages recognized in the precedence of the Court of St. James. The oldest dates back to 1350. They consist of Marquesses, Counts and Barons and they take their precedence not from the rank of their title but from the date of its creation.

When the great siege was over, the Knights filled their new city of Valletta with fantastic palaces. What the Germans and Italians left after the last wartime bombing make convenient ministries and post offices. But up in the silent little city of Mdina there are the older Maltese palaces.

This is one of the strange places in the world. It is almost deserted. There is no traffic and it is all but dead. And yet it stands superbly. The many palaces, like the city, are secret places. They look inwards. They are as proud as disguised poverty. They are furnished with monumental furniture and dark stiff portraits, and in winter are as cold and dark and uninhabitable as fine tombs. In fact they tend to be uninhabited. But these amazing things on a small and poor island are one sign of the individuality of this place.

Friendly, excitable

The other sign is the people themselves. Left to themselves they build small square houses in the elegant Arab way. They are small people and dark and friendly and excitable and, if they have a fault, it is that they tend to think that the world revolves around the pale, pale gold of their jagged rocks.

As a place, it is one of the great monuments of Europe. There is, above all, the Grand Harbour into which the British fleet used to sail with its flags flying and bands playing and all the city would come out to watch from the towering walls and high gardens of the Knights, which are more splendid than the cliffs of Dover — and made by men. But all that is over. Now this small but very real population, not altogether of one mind, is trying to assert itself. Malta has earned, in many wars which were not of its making, some civilized and sympathetic attention. The West is dealing with a nation as authentic as that of England itself.

(Ofns Copright)

Women's Lib rally in N.Y. against 'sex inequality'

NEW YORK (Reuter). — THOUSANDS of women whooping Indian war cries and chanting slogans surged up New York's Fifth Avenue on Thursday night to protest at sexual discrimination.

Traffic was squeezed into one lane as the militant Women's Liberationists, watched by several thousand curious spectators, straddled across the broad avenue and headed for a rally in Central Park.

Posters they carried read "Crush phallic imperialism," and "We can't bear any more bull." As they marched they chanted "Freedom now, all power to the women." One of several men in the demonstration carried a sign reading "Is God a he?" Only a few bystanders objected to the march — marking the 51st anniversary of women's suffrage in the U.S. One bold male screamed at the women, "Awful, terrible, disgusting."

There were also some of the suffragettes who marched in the original 1921 parade.

One of them, Mrs. Irene Airey, 82, maintained that women's rights had not progressed, "no, not at all." One of the radical lesbians in the march declared, "Lesbianism is the backbone of the movement. We started it. You see we don't have to deal with men. You can go only so far if you sleep with your oppressor."

'Absorption on demand

Mrs. Betty Friedan, a founder of Women's Liberation, urged the marchers at Central Park to use their political power to press for equal work opportunities, day care centres for children and abortion on demand. "We don't seek to use power as men have and we don't seek to use our power over men," Mrs. Friedan told a crowd which loudly cheered and lightly booed her. "We want to turn this (country) from a death-dealing country to one which focuses on human priorities — against sexism and racism."

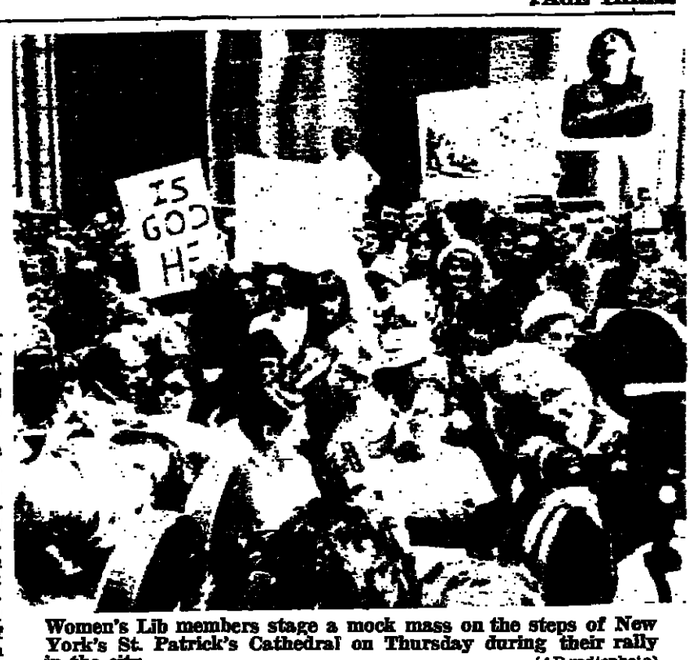
About 25 women in Los Angeles burned in effigy California Congressman Charles Wiggins who has suggested a change in a proposed women's equal rights amendment — to exempt women from certain types of heavy labour. Delegations of women met New York Mayor John Lindsay and Chicago Mayor Richard Daley over inequalities in the respective city administrations.

Many of the founders of Women's Lib regret that much attention is focused on lesbians or more militant factions of the movement. One of thousands of bystanders at the New York march commented: "Bunch of lesbians — couldn't get a man if they had to." Some 100 lesbians waved banners such as a huge lavender one saying, "Women's Lib is a lesbian plot."

In Washington, a coalition of women's rights groups announced plans to campaign against any "Congress person" who votes against or further amends the proposed Women's Equal Rights Amendment. The amendment, introduced in every Congress since 1923, is designed to end any traces of discrimination based on sex.

In New York, eight women shut down the American Stock Exchange — briefly but completely. The ticker board high above the trading floor stopped for a few seconds as brokers and runners looked up to see the feminists in the visitors' gallery spreading a long white banner declaring "women power."

Guards ushered the women out of the gallery and trading resumed, mid cheers and boos from the floor.



Women's Lib members stage a mock mass on the steps of New York's St. Patrick's Cathedral on Thursday during their rally in the city. (AP radiophoto)

This was the scene inside a San Francisco courtroom on Thursday during a melee which erupted when the mother of one of the surviving "Soledad brothers," John Cluthchette, was evicted for swearing at the judge. As riot police advanced, two black men in the spectators' section tried to stop them and fighting broke out. (AP radiophoto)

100,000 children face death

NEW DELHI (ANS). — MORE than 100,000 children under five years of age in the Bangla Desh refugee camps in India will die or suffer permanent brain damage unless their diet is improved, Dr. N. Scrimshaw, an American nutrition expert who visited the camps with Senator Edward Kennedy recently, has warned Indian authorities.

He added: "Many of these children are going blind from vitamin A deficiency. They are also victims of marasmus, a wastage of the tissues, and kwashiorkor, caused by severe protein deficiency."

An independent study by two Indian experts—Dr. B. N. Tandon and Dr. V. Ramalangaswami, of the All India Institute of Medical Science — estimates the number of underfives in danger of dying of malnutrition at 150,000.

First Soviet experts back in Indonesia

DJAKARTA (Reuter). — The first Soviet technical mission to Indonesia for more than five years arrived here last week to make a two-month study of two abandoned Russian aid projects.

Soviet engineers walked off the projects in 1966 when Moscow suspended aid to this country in the bloody aftermath of an abortive Communist coup a few months earlier.

The 18-member Soviet team, which arrived aboard the weekly Aeroflot flight from Moscow, is led by Mr. S.D. Evenchik, deputy director of the Moscow Chemical Institute. The rest of the 26-member mission will arrive over the next two weeks.

The team will study the feasibility of resuming work on a steel mill at Tjilegon, 80 kms. west of Djakarta, and a fertilizer plant at the central Java port of Tjilatjap. The two projects have already cost more than $45m.

All expenses for the mission, except the cost of its interpreters, are to be met by the Indonesian Government.

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Ya'akov Reuel interviews the Ambassador to Britain, Mr. Michael Comay

'Britain, Israel would gain from closer cooperation'

IN three months' time Foreign Minister Abba Eban will be making the first official visit by an Israel Foreign Minister to London since Mrs. Golda Meir visited the British capital in 1957. A return visit by Sir Alec Douglas-Home is scheduled for next spring, probably in March. The details of Mr. Eban's visit are to be worked out between Israel Ambassador Michael Comay and British officials in London in the next few weeks. A broad review of British-Israel relations and Middle East developments will be the theme of these high level talks.

Mr. Comay has just been in Israel for political consultations with the Foreign Ministry, including the forthcoming visit, and flew back to London on Sunday. This correspondent met him last week for the first time since New York where Mr. Comay had served for many years as Israel's Ambassador to the United Nations. He was posted to Britain a year ago, and his mission got off to a very hectic start with the wave of plane-hijackings by Palestinian Arab terrorists. The abortive attempt on the El Al plane that landed in London and led to the arrest of the "glamorous woman terrorist, Leila Khaled," took place on Mr. Comay's first Sunday in London. He raced to Heathrow airport and, after several hours of talks with the British security authorities, arranged for the immediate release of the plane and the two El Al security guards involved in the incident.

What did he think in retrospect, we asked Mr. Comay, of the conduct of the British in that situation?

Did not waver

Measuring his words, Mr. Comay replied: "The British position did not waver in what was for them a very difficult situation. Although a great number of British citizens were being held by the terrorists in the Jordanian desert, they refused to release Leila Khaled unless all the hostages, without distinction of nationality or religion, were freed, and they kept a united front with the other governments concerned."

Was he of the opinion that Israel criticism of Britain's action in eventually releasing Leila Khaled was unfair?

"It was our position," replied Mr. Comay, "that since the hostages were rescued in the wake of the fighting in Jordan, and not by agreement with the terrorist organization, Leila Khaled ought to be held in Britain pending extradition proceedings by Israel. The British Government however decided to release her, feeling it was under a moral obligation to do so — and there was no point in our pursuing the matter any further."

Quite apart from the hijacking issues, what has been the general state of Israel-British relations during the past year, since his arrival in London?

Smooth relations

"Relations between out two countries on bilateral matters have on the whole been smooth, and undisturbed by any major issue — such as the refusal of the previous (Labour) Government to sell us Chieftain tanks. This request, incidentally, has not been renewed since the present (Conservative) Government took office, and our army has met its needs elsewhere. I should add that the British Government has recently turned down a bid for Chieftain tanks by Libya, in contrast with the French action in selling warplanes to that country.

"There have been and still are some differences of opinion between Britain and Israel in the context of the Middle East conflict. At the time of Mrs. Meir's visit to London last November, there was an atmosphere of strain over British abstention on the Arab-sponsored Middle East resolution in the General Assembly and, even more so, over Sir Alec's Middle East policy speech at Harrogate. We thought its timing was unfortunate, on the eve of Mrs. Meir's arrival, and certain points in it, particularly those concerning future borders, were unacceptable to Israel. As Mrs. Meir told the press in London after her talks with the Prime Minister and Sir Alec, there had not been a meeting of minds on these matters. Again, in February, the British felt that Israel's reply to Dr. Jarring's memorandum was unduly negative in its terms. However, while maintaining its views, Britain has not been active lately in the Middle East conflict. At present, it is giving general support to the American initiative for an interim Suez Canal arrangement."

Ambassador Comay photographed last year on his way with his wife to Buckingham Palace to present his credentials to Queen Elizabeth II. (UPI radiophoto)

The British were reported to have taken, at first, a somewhat sceptical view of the Suez idea, as a "non starter." Was this so?

"Right after the Six Day War, the British Government wished to have the Canal opened in advance of a final peace. At that time, the U.S. was opposed to the idea. Early this year, the roles seemed for a while to have been reversed. The initial reaction of the British to the American Suez initiative was, indeed, rather reserved, on the ground that it was likely to divert effort from the wider objective of overall peace, based on U.N. Resolution 242, and that the Jarring mission might lose all momentum. Britain has also become increasingly concerned about Soviet penetration of the area, and the prospect of a stronger Russian naval presence in the Indian Ocean. The economic advantage of opening the Canal is no longer as weighty a factor as it was with the British.

Suez effort

"However, since the Jarring mission was in any case in stalemate, London eventually accepted Washington's argument that the Suez Canal effort was worth while, for otherwise the situation could slide back to renewed hostilities."

Would it be correct to say that, on the border issue, the British have in effect endorsed the Rogers Plan?

"The British position on territorial changes is certainly not far removed from the American. On the other hand, the U.K. Government clearly does not share the Arab-Soviet French interpretation of Security Council Resolution 242 as requiring complete Israel withdrawal to the old armistice lines. Basically, the British Government accepts that an Israel-Arab peace settlement must rest on Israel-Arab agreement, and not be dictated by outside powers. Moreover, it regards U.N. "guarantees" and peace-keeping arrangements as a corollary to, and part of, a settlement agreed between the parties, and not as something forced upon them. On these last points I would say that the British approach to Middle East problems is more realistic and pragmatic than that for instance of the French."

But wasn't there a danger that Britain's adherence to an enlarged Common Market might lead to British policies being heavily influenced by France?

Common Market

"If Britain joins the Common Market," replied Mr. Comay, "I for one do not expect that the process of political consultation among its members would result in a common foreign policy shaped in Paris. One must bear in mind that Britain regards herself as a great deal more experienced and knowledgeable on Middle East affairs than any European country, and that her own vital interests are engaged in the region. She will seek support within European councils for her own independent views, and is unlikely to concede to France any special status or authority in these matters. I anticipate that Britain will play a leading role in the European movement if she joins the E.E.C. and this would give an important new dimension to our own relations with Britain."

Wouldn't Britain's joining the Common Market have an adverse economic impact on Israel?

"Yes. If Britain decides to join, this would have a prejudicial effect on the valuable market we have built up in Britain for citrus and other commodities. The very low British tariffs on these imports are liable to be raised substantially as soon as Britain becomes a Market member. There are also other complications which would arise. Mr Eban will no doubt raise these questions on his visit. Meanwhile, discussions are going on in Brussels and London in an effort to mitigate the potential damage, and to adjust the terms of our present agreement with the Market to the prospect of its enlargement. It is too early to say what modifications we can obtain. I called on Mr. Geoffrey Rippon, the chief British negotiator, to discuss the implications for Israel, and left a memorandum with him on the subject. Since then, talks are continuing on a staff level."

What did he think generally about the choice now facing Britain concerning the Common Market?

"This may well be the most momentous peacetime decision for Britain in her post-imperial history," said Mr. Comay." It is an immensely complex issue, and the case for and against entry is being argued with equal conviction and equally massive data on both sides. The trouble is that economic predictons five or ten years hence are hypotheses; they cannot be proved in advance. There is also the difficult question: what is the alternative? The Commonwealth has not evolved into a cohesive political or economic grouping, and its members tend to go their own regional and ideological ways. The United Nations has not ushered in a new world order.

"As a medium power dependent on external trade, Britain is finding it harder to 'go it alone,' and its economic growth has been faltering. These are some of the realities that Britain must take into account in deciding its future. It is a gamble either way. To an observer like myself, the outcome depends in the last resort less on dry statistics than on the innate qualities of the British people and its response to challenge. Behind the present economic strains and the national heart-searching, one cannot but feel that their special qualities remain intact. This is, after all, the nation that pioneered parliamentary democracy, the industrial revolution and the welfare state."

A long way

Was he suggesting that Israel can gain from a closer association with Britain?

"Yes, I am — just as I believe that Britain can only gain from friendship and cooperation with Israel in a Middle East context. We have both travelled a long way from the bitterness that marked the last phase of the Mandate. Britain has important interests in the Arab word, chiefly oil. But there are few romantic illusions left about the permanence of Arab regimes or the solidity of alliances with them.

"Since World War II, Britain has steadily divested itself of direct commitments and responsibilities in our region, and the current disengagement in the Persian Gulf is the latest stage in this process. In these circumstances, I feel Britain's concern for her interests is quite compatible with Israel's insistence on her own peace and security."

How would he characterize the present climate of British public opinion towards Israel?

Positive image

"Looking back over the past year," replied Mr. Comay, "I would say that Israel's image in Britain today is more positive than it was a while ago. It is true that the press sometimes takes a critical view of specific Israel actions or policies. Moreover, there are numerous Arab Embassies in London, an Arab League office, pro-Arab and anti-Israel groups in and out of Parliament, and thousands of Arab students. All of these pour out anti-Israel propaganda, with lots of money behind it. Yet their impact on public opinion is limited. By and large, Israel is seen in Britain as a stable and creative country, in contrast to the picture of strife and ferment in the Arab world. We at the Embassy do our best to bring before the British public what Israel is and stands for, instead of engaging in sterile polemeics with our enemies.

"And, of course, I must stress the support of the Jewish community in Britain — some 450,000-strong, well organized, very active on Israel's behalf and keenly identified with our struggles and achievements. My wife Joan and I spend a goodly portion of our time taking part in the ramified activities of the community."

Experimental crops grown in Samaria

JENIN. — Onions of the "Grano" variety, tomatoes for processing and sugar beet are among the experimental crops now cultivated in the Dotan Valley, near here, by agricultural instructors employed by the Military Government in the West Bank. If the experiments succeed, they will be grown on a commercial scale.

The instructors are also showing the *fellaheen* in Samaria how to combat insects that are damaging olive groves there. In the Jericho area, farmers are being instructed how to grow celery and parsley.

Readers' letters

Cost of housing in Jerusalem

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post

Sir,— According to announcements in the press, the Histadrut Housing Company, Shikun Ovdim, is now planning to build 4,000 homes for young couples in various parts of the country. However, on looking through the list of areas in which these homes are to be built, I discover that a three-room apartment in Jerusalem (Givat Mordechai) is being offered at almost twice the price of a similar-size flat on the coastal plain. Even allowing for the usual contention that building costs in Jerusalem are 25 per cent higher than elsewhere in Israel, what is the explanation for this enormous discrepancy?

Jerusalem is a city blessed with many young citizens and a tendency to large families, and most of the young couples are members of the Histadrut. Are they not as entitled as their fellow-members in other parts of the country to acquire an apartment from their own housing company at as reasonable a price as can be arranged? Is it beyond the wit of the Histadrut economists and bankers to devise a scheme for an equalization fund whereby the principle of mutual aid, which is the *raison d'etre* of the Histadrut and the cooperative sector, could be applied to the provision of equal-size housing at equal prices throughout the country? Whatever may be the current price of privately built apartments bought on the open "capitalist" market, surely the main purpose of the Histadrut Housing Company should be to provide the best possible accomodation for its members at the lowest possible cost.

LUCIEN HARRIS

Jerusalem, August 2.

Shikun Ovdim replies:

When comparing prices of apartments in Jerusalem and elsewhere in the country, similar projects must be referred to. At Givat Mordechai, we are putting up high-rise buildings with lifts. These apartments cost about IL68,000; the same apartment in the coastal region would cost IL50,000. The difference is thus not 100 per cent, but about 30 per cent. This difference is due to the fact that in Jerusalem we build in stone, development expenses are much higher and there is the additional expense of installing heating in every flat, which is not necessary in the coastal region. In Jerusalem, as elsewhere in the country, the prices of apartments for young couples are fixed in accordance with the costs incurred by the company.

We have discussed more than once the problem of the high cost of building in Jerusalem which, as mentioned above, is due to development costs, building in stone, heating and the special problems created by the Jerusalem Municipality, which add to the costs of building. Young couples in Jerusalem do not earn more than their counterparts elsewhere in Israel and therefore cannot pay more for the apartment they need. In our opinion, part of the difference should be covered by a special government grant and by limiting the number of special requests made by the Jerusalem Municipality in the field of building standards.

Tel Aviv, August 20.

GRATEFUL STUDENTS

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — Thank you for your interest and help in remedying the water problem on Mount Scopus ("Scopus students high and dry," August 17). Since speaking with you, we have had a more adequate supply of water.

I would like you to know that we understand the need for some inconvenience in order to progress; and progress is seen all about us in Israel. It is thrilling to watch new foundations being laid and walls going up each day. The students find their study experience on Mount Scopus a significant one and we are all greateful to the University for making it possible. We are anxious to return within the near future to see the progress made here.

PROFESSOR RUTH SUGARMAN

Jerusalem (Oneonta, New York), August 20.

"SHABBES"

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — I read with interest your feature article "Shabbes" by David Landau in the Week-End Magazine of August 20. I must, however, protest at the tolerant attitude of the writer towards the viewpoint that the lunatic fringe of Mea Shearim are somehow entitled to prevent all Jerusalemites from travelling on Shabbat, by force if necessary. Whether the group under discussion is the John Birch Society, Matzpen, or the Neturei Karta, narrow-minded bigotry of this type should be thoroughly condemned.

Nowhere in Mr. Landau's article was the viewpoint of the non-religious majority considered. The most obnoxious aspect of this horse-trading with the political-religious power block (i.e. no public transport on Shabbat) is that it only affects the poorer sections of the population who do not own cars. People who work six days a week are entitled to visit their families or take their children to the beach during their one day of leisure.

GERRY BERNSTEIN

Kibbutz Yizre'el, August 22.

David Landau comments:

The article was not intended to present opinions, only facts, leaving the reader to form his own opinion — as Mr. Bernstein has done.

HIGH STANDARDS AT HOSPITAL

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — It annoys me to hear people complaining about the services of many hospitals around Israel. My brother-in-law, a new immigrant, was recently rushed to the Hadera Hospital for emergency treatment. Within minutes he was given care of the highest standard.

MRS. M. RUBENSTEIN

Netanya, August 18.

PENFRIENDS

AIDA PEREIRA (20), of Calcada do Rio 24-10, Alges-Lisboa, Portugal, would like to correspond with young Israelis of her age. She knows English, French, German, Italian, Spanish and of course Portuguese.

MENET WERNER (22), of Lochmuhle, CH-9656, Gais AR, Switzerland, would like to correspond with Israelis in French, English or German. He is a mechanic and student, whose hobbies are photography, theatre and classical music.

G. JAYA RAJ (20), of H. No. 5-8-449, Chiragali Lane, Hyderabad (A.P.), India, would like to have Israeli penfriends.

Heikal calls for greater Soviet-Arab understanding

CAIRO. — THE editor of the semi-official newspaper "Al-Ahram" made a plea on Friday for erasing a current Soviet-Arab "misunderstanding" and hinted that "the vital Russian presence" in the Middle East might be withdrawn unless this is done.

Muhammed Hassanein Heikal directed his plea especially to the newly formed Federation of Arab Republics, which links Egypt with Syria and Libya. "Egypt and the confederation have a pressing and urgent task which has priority over any other — to dispel the summer cloud now shadowing Arab-Soviet relations," Mr. Heikal wrote in his weekly editorial.

He indicated Moscow was still smarting from the blow it suffered in the propaganda war when Egypt and Libya came out in support of temporarily deposed President Gaafar Numairi and stood in Khartoum's corner in a war of words over Numairi's subsequent Communist crackdown.

Mr. Heikal, who usually reflects official thinking here, pointed out that Egypt needs Russia's all-out support in the remaining months of this year, especially during an imminent Middle East debate at next month's U.N. General Assembly, probably reaching the Security Council level. President Sadat has said a decision must be made this year.

"Our links with the Soviet Union are strategic, not tactical, soaring from the huge investment in Egypt's industrialization drive to actual presence in the area after Nasser's secret trip to Moscow in January, 1970," Mr. Heikal said. "The main objective of Israel and the U.S. is to dislodge the Soviet element's effect and presence from the Middle East, because this element is the major power of pressure," Mr. Heikal went on. "Unless we realize this and act to confront it, we might be giving the enemy his quest on a silver platter." *(AP, Reuter)*

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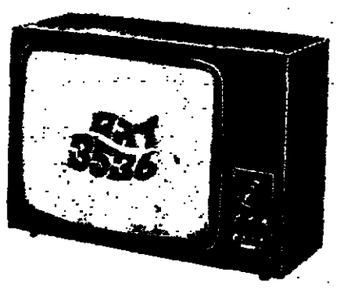

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Efforts to get rid of the water hyacinth weed, which infests the White Nile basin, have been unsuccessful, reports John Earle from Khartoum. It will be difficult enough to keep the weed in check, let alone eradicate it, he says.

WEEDS CHOKING THE WHITE NILE

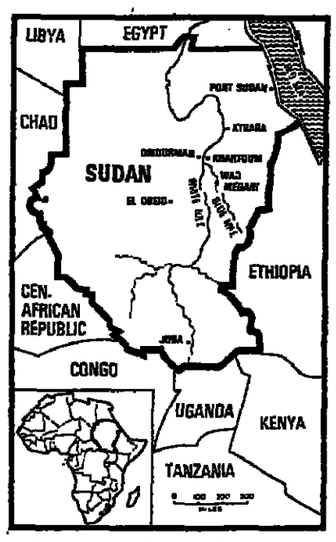
KHARTOUM. — MAN has been beaten in a battle against the water hyacinth — a pretty, mauve weed which infests over 1,000 miles of the White Nile basin between Khartoum, the Uganda frontier and Western Ethiopia. The U.N. World Food Programme (WFP) has given up a $1.2 million project to support weeding *and spraying with herbicide in the* area of Nasir and Akobo, near the Ethiopian frontier in south-east Sudan. WFP officials are understandably reluctant to publicize this failure, but it appears the project never really got off the ground. The weed is a hazard to waterways, agriculture and health. If unchecked, it would threaten two economic initiatives of vital importance for the Sudan and its northern neighbour Egypt — the Gezira cotton *scheme, and the Aswan Dam-Lake* Nasser scheme respectively.

The project concentrated, admittedly, on only one of the fronts on which the campaign was being fought. It was formulated on the basis that, besides spraying for destruction, the plant might be put to some use, as mulch and compost in agriculture. The WFP was to provide rations for about 4,000 workers in the remote Akobo and Pibor tributaries of the White Nile. No more than 1,881 workers were ever taken on. The task of weeding by hand and collecting the plant turned out to be more difficult than forecast. The men faced danger from crocodiles and hippopotami. So WFP decided to give up the project. No one knows how the water hyacinth, *eichornia crassipes*, was brought to the Sudan. A native of South America, it was introduced into Louisiana, U.S.A., *late in the 19th century* and has since spread to other parts of America, Asia, Africa and Australia. In 1955 it appeared in the Sudan, north of Bor, in the area of the Sudd. This is reputedly the world's largest swamp — about 300 miles long and sometimes nearly 100 miles wide — where the treacherous terrain and shifting islands of papyrus and hippograss for long *balked explorers' attempts to reach* the source of the Nile. Experts called in from the then Belgian Congo identified it there in 1958.

Floating carpet

Since then, the Sudanese authorities have waged an unavailing struggle. The plant, which can form a floating carpet thick enough to walk on, is capable of blocking shipping and smaller craft, fishing, irrigation systems and canals. It *also harbours poisonous snakes and* harmful insects such as malaria-bearing mosquitos. Sometimes during the rainy season, when roads are impassable and hyacinths have blocked navigation, food has had to be dropped by aircraft to riverside villages. Egypt contributes financially to the Sudanese campaign. At present the spread of the hyacinth is blocked by the Jebel Aulia dam, about 30 miles south of Khartoum. But if that defence were breached the menace would drift downstream towards the Aswan Dam.

Here at Khartoum, the White *Nile is joined by* the Blue Nile, flowing down from Lake Tana in Ethiopia. At present the Blue Nile is free. But an infested White Nile tributary in Ethiopia, the Baro river, is separated by only a slim buffer zone from the Blue Nile system, and experts say such physical barriers are an imperfect



obstacle. The Gezira cotton scheme, the Sudan's main source of foreign exchange, is irrigated from the Blue Nile, and infestation with water hyacinth could prove disastrous. The situation has been precarious for some years, as shown by these words in a report written jointly by a Sudanese and a U.S. expert *in 1964: "The infestation of the* White Nile already presents a threat to Egypt and its new Aswan Dam impoundment. An infestation of the Blue Nile would compound this threat immediately, since there is no barrier across the Blue Nile once the dam at Sennar is breached."

Unaffected by the termination of the WFP project, the Sudanese authorities are intensifying their campaign, which concentrates on chemical spraying by land teams, from river launches, and from aircraft. Strict regulations ban possession or carriage of water hyacinth, with checks on boats and vehicles. Nevertheless, it is difficult to prevent plants adhering to paddle wheels or keels of river steamers. *The owners of canoes and dug-*outs like to make hyacinths into cushions, while charcoal-producers use the plant to plug holes in their charcoal sacks. It will be difficult enough to keep the weed in check, let alone eradicate it.

New guide book to French Jewry fills gap

PARIS. —

Report from PARIS by Jack Maurice

SINCE 1914 French Jewry has lacked an informative and comprehensive yearbook enabling the Community to obtain facts and figures about its members and its institutions. Two years ago the first edition of "Guide Juif de France" came to the rescue. Now a new and more complete edition has appeared and it is clear that the "Guide" is here to stay as an authoritative work of reference. This 500-page volume, packed with articles by specialists in every field of the Community's activities, certainly meets a crying need. Over the past 15 years the Jewish population of France has doubled — it is currently estimated at 580,000 — and become the biggest in Western *Europe and the fourth in the* entire world, after those of the United States, Soviet Union and Israel. The development of the French Community is analysed in detail by the "Guide" under three principal headings; history, demography and sociology; structure and institutions (300 organisations and 200 local communities are listed); personalities (200 biographies of leading French Jews in the world of politics, literature, the plastic arts, mu*sic, theatre, cinema, sport and* song).

The Guide's opening pages are filled by an instructive analysis of an opinion poll on French attitudes towards the Jews. The poll reveals that only one person in ten has even an approximate idea of the *size of the Jewish community in* this country. The 12 per cent who consider that France would be better off with fewer Jews can be reckoned as *representing the fringe* of avowed anti-Semites. They can be compared with the 10 per cent who openly declared themselves as such in a previous poll conducted in 1966. The attitude of the fewer-Jews-the-better is most strongly held among artisans and small shopkeepers (19 per cent) and the Communists (17 per cent). It is worth noting that this new poll shows no sign of the traditional division in France between an anti-Semitic Right and a rather philo-Semitic Left.

Only 28 per cent of those questioned during the poll admitted that they counted Jews among their personal friends, their acquaintances or colleagues. The highest proportion of Frenchmen in this category are university teachers: 70 per cent. This phenomenon is largely explained by the socio-professional structure of the French Jewish Community and its high educational level. The poll indicates that 62 per cent of those with Jewish acquaintances are aware of the fact because the Jews concerned identify themselves. These answers prove that a fast diminishing proportion of Jews in France now hide their origin. Asked how Jews behaved compared with other French citizens, 60 per cent replied: with no difference at all.

Low pressure

Jews ranked low in the list of "pressure groups," mustering only 16 per cent of the poll, compared with 40 per cent for bankers, 28 per cent for intellectuals, 25 per cent for the Roman Catholic Church and 20 per cent for the Communists. It is interesting to note that Jews are not automatically assimilated with the world of high finance according to the old anti-Semitic stereotype. The poll suggests that it is becoming easier for a Jew in France to make a career in politics. The 1966 study referred to above showed that 50 per cent of Frenchmen would refuse to vote for a Jewish candidate for the Presidency of the Republic and 33 per cent for one seeking a parliamen*tary seat. The new enquiry, how*ever, demonstrates that only 26 per cent now consider that being Jewish is a handicap to a politician.

The Guide's chapter on French Jewish politicians is headed by Benjamin Disraeli's report at Westminster to the Irish agitator Daniel O'Connell: "Yes, I'm a Jew, and when the ancestors of my right honourable adversary were savage brutes on an unknown island, mine were priests in Solomon's Temple." Jews are extremely active in French politics, although only Leo Hamon, the Secretary of State who acts as Minister of Information, is a member of the present government. Following the current real estate scandal in France which involves a non-Jewish M.P. who curiously has not been arrested while his accomplices who face less serious charges are safely behind bars, President Pompidou has warned par *liamentarians* about the "incompatibility" between their electoral duties and their private business interests. An obvious target for this warning is *Marcel Dassault, who pos*sesses a monopoly of the production *of military aircraft in France* while sitting for Beauvais in the National Assembly. Dassault dropped his family's original name Bloch when he repudiated *Judaism after* World War II. His right hand man, General Pierre de Benouville, who represents a Paris constituency while sitting on the board of Dassault's and other companies, dismisses the President's warning with a witticism: "After all, the most beautiful alexandrine in the French language is: *Monsieur le Président Directeur General.*"

The present National Assembly, according to the Guide, includes only six members of Jewish origin: Dassault; the Communist Marie-Claude Vaillant-Couturier and her *husband Pirre Villon; the active* Gaullist member for eastern Paris, Claude Gérard Marcus; Henri Modiano, and Lucien Neuwirth, who are both Gaullists. Neuwirth is famous for launching a successful campaign which eventually persuaded General de Gaulle to legalise contraception. Although he is no longer a member of the Jewish Community, Defence Minister Michel Debré, who was de Gaulle's first Premier, has never repudiated his Jewish background: his grandfather was a Chief Rabbi. Pierre Mendès-France, who as Prime Minister in 1954, ended France's Indochina War, is no longer an M.P. and his political influence today is negligible. Other Jewish politicians who have dropped into the background are former *Premier Rene Mayer and ex-Minister* Daniel Mayer who is now President of the League of Human Rights.

Nobel prizes

Edouard Drumont, the virulent anti-Semite who whipped up the Dreyfus Affair into a national scan*dal, wrote: "The truth is that the* Jew is unable to rise above a very low level. The Semites have had no man of genius to rank beside Dante, *Shakespeare, Bossuet, Victor Hugo,* Raphael, Michelangelo or Newton and nobody would understand it if they had." Drumont would have been aghast if he had discovered in the "Guide Juif de France" that, with two exceptions, all the French recipients of Nobel Prizes in physics, physiology and medicine in recent years have been Jews.

"There never was a prominent Jewish athlete in history!" exclaimed General Charles H. Sherrill, U.S. representative on the International Olympic Committee, at Madison Garden in 1935. Like Drumont, Sherrill was the victim of his own ignorance. He had overlooked the U.S.'s Lawrence "Lon" Myers, who beat almost every world track record during the second half of the last century, Harold Abrahams, British winner of the 100 metres Olympic event and many others. France's recent stars include the world boxing champions Young Perez, Robert Cohen and Alphonse Halimi, world skating champion Alain Calmat and, in tennis, Pierre Darmon. The Guide de France's sports section is as proud a monument to French Jewry as its chapters on the other fields of Jewish endeavour.

"Le Guide Juif de France" can be obtained only by mail delivery: Editions Migdal, 31 bis Faubourg Montmartre, Paris 9ems. Price: 31 francs including postage.

American Nazi leader Matt Koehl, Commander of the National Socialist White People's Party, addressed a meeting of his tiny movement at their headquarters in Arlington, Virginia, on Wednesday. The wall behind Koehl was adorned with a swastika as well as the American flag. (AP radiophoto)

U.K. envoy warns against Russian navy buildup

DURBAN (AP). — The British Ambassador, Sir Arthur Snelling, said here last week the Soviet Navy's entry into the southern oceans was a fresh reason for Britain to keep up the Simonstown Agreement, which gives the Royal Navy a base in South Africa.

The British diplomat said his country did not want to see a build-up of Soviet naval power in this part of the world as had happened in the Mediterranean.

About one quarter of Britain's ocean-going trade in both directions, including half of her oil supplies, passed round South Africa. "Any change in the balance of naval power here abouts therefore touches Britain directly," he said. "We cannot ignore it."

Sir Arthur was addressing the South African Institute of International Affairs. He said his views were personal ones.

Under the Simonstown Agreement Britain is obliged to supply South Africa with certain types of arms.

B.E.A. to propose 50% fare cuts

LONDON (Reuter). — Fare reductions of up to 50 per cent on European air services are to be proposed at an international conference next month, it was announced last week.

The state-owned British European Airways (B.E.A.) will make the proposals at a meeting of the International Air Transport Association in Miami. The aim is to fill some of B.E.A.'s 3.5 million empty seats yearly on European flights.

The cut-price fares would involve booking and payment at least four months in advance. Return flights would be not earlier than six nights and not later than two months after the outward flight.

MAMZER: TERM OF RELUCTANT AFFECTION

By RABBI L.I. RABINOWITZ

I WAS invited to deliver a discourse in the summer series on Sabbath afternoon at the Yeshurun Synagogue. Having been deeply concerned for some time with the topical problem of the *mamzer*, I told the organizer that I would lecture on *"Mamzerei Din* and *Mamzerei Dayan"* ("The *Mamzer* according to the law and the *mamzerim* of Dayan.") The organizer, however, felt that it was not "nice" to give publicity to such a "naughty" word in such an eminently respectable synagogue as Yeshurun, and the lecture was duly announced as *"Din* and *Dayan* in Israel." I refused to be a party to this innocent subterfuge and spoke on another subject.

There is no more poignant personal tragedy than that of the *mamzer* who has to suffer for the sins of others, a tragedy, incidentally, which is fully recognized by the Rabbis. It seems therefore almost cruel to speak of the lighter side of this serious matter, but the fact is that throughout the ages the term *mamzer* has been used among Jews not as a term of opprobium but with an undertone of reluctant affection.

Derived from Talmud

I still remember, as a child, in the Yiddish-speaking circle in which I was brought up, that an unusually shrewd person was referred to as having a *"mamzer kop."* That designation is derived directly from a statement in the Jerusalem Talmud (Kiddushin 4) to the effect that "all *mamzerim* are unusually intelligent" *(pilcchim)*.

The obsence of obloquy attached to the name applied in the Middle Ages is shown in a recently published extract, from a hitherto unknown manuscript, of the *halachic decision of the famous* Rabbi Jehiel of Paris in the 13th century. (Moriah, Sivan-Tammuz 1971, p. 83) It reads: "One is not put under the ban of a transgressor (for using insulting language) if one calls his neighbour a *mamzer* unless he says it in French "Fitz A-Putin." (i.e. *fils de putain*, the son of a wanton woman. The author of the article, ignorant of medieval French, wrongly gives "fein" instead of "fitz," and it is interesting that the use of *this prefix in compound names*, such as Fitzgerald, Fitzroy, was used especially to indicate the *illegitimate* offspring of kings and princes of the blood!) It is obvious from this passage that there was no aspersion in the use of the Hebrew term, as there was in its French equivalent.

An interesting example of the transfer of this inoffensive use of the epithet from Yiddish to Hebrew is provided in the latest issue of *"Ha-Universita"* (June 1971). Prof. Chana Shmeruk, Professor of Yiddish Literature at the Hebrew University, held a seminar this year on Shalom Aleichem, *which dealt* mainly with the problem of the translation of his works from Yiddish into Hebrew. He took as his subject *Letter 10 of the second series of* letters of Shalom Aleichem, published in 1913. Three of his students were asked to translate this letter; one, *Anna Dresner, into literary He*brew, the second, Israel Bartel, into the journalistic Hebrew of the time the letter was written, and the third Chaya Yunis, *into modern colloquial* Hebrew. The original and all three versions are given in this issue.

In the original Yiddish Shalom Aleichem actually uses the word *mamzerim* in a context which again shows that it was a term almost of affection. He quotes the "Rebbe" saying to his pupils who have not prepared their lesson, "You know, you *mamzerim*, that I know that you don't even begin to know the *gemara*, so why the blazes (*auf veloche schwartz yohr*) you do sway like that."

Naturally where Shalom Aleichem uses the word all the three translators repeat it. In another passage, however, Shalom Aleichem says: "you (the anti-Semites) claim that you cannot allow us to enter all occupations and callings because we are too sharp for you." Where the first two translators give literal Hebrew equivalents for the word "sharp," Chaya Yunis renders it: "You know that we are too much *mamzerim* for you!"

Thus does the statement of the Jerusalem Talmud find its way back, via Yiddish, into modern colloquial Hebrew.

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THE MINISTRY OF TRANSPORT

SEA CRUISES BACK IN FASHION

By MAGABEE DEAN
Jerusalem Post Reporter

Business and Finance

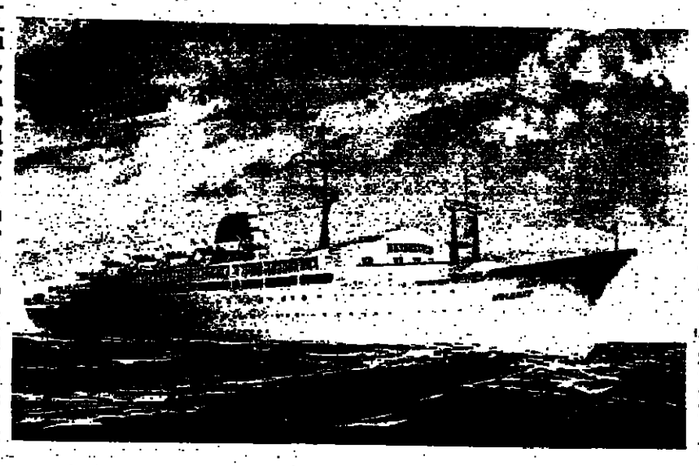
THE sea cruise is back in fashion. Some years ago, with the advent of swift aircraft, especially the 707 jets, it was believed that slow-moving ships were a thing of the past. Of course, freighters would still stay around, to move bulky goods, and so would an occasional passenger line for the older generation which could not accustom itself to the swift pace of the air — and the nerve-wracking experience of passing through customs, and getting in and out of an airport.

The younger generation, it was believed, would prefer the air, for it was intent on getting to places in a hurry. Air travel is swift.

It takes a ship several days to cross the Mediterranean; with a jet, it is easy to have your breakfast in Jerusalem (or Tel Aviv) and your lunch in Paris or London (with your baggage going on, for some inexplicable reason, to New York without you).

Thus, around the world, shipping firms began doing away with their passenger liners; Zim followed suit.

"But 10 years ago, in 1961, the Epirotiki Lines, owned by the Potamianos family of Greece, thought the trend might be against passenger ships, but that a new phenomenon was appearing: the passenger and car ferry, as well as the cruise," says Mr. Jacob ("Jacky") Allalouf, Director of the Passenger Department of Allalouf and Company, of Tel Aviv and Haifa, agents for Epirotiki.



A drawing of the Moledet, now the Jupiter, made before the ship went into service in 1961.

Fast pace

"They aimed at tapping that portion of the younger generation which, due to their fast pace of living, especially those from the professional communities and the business world, wanted to combine their annual vacation with a leisurely rest at sea; they wanted to get away from the frenetic activity of the modern world; they wanted to gain strength to go back for another year of hectic work. Upon arriving, they would drive around in their own car, sightseeing at a quiet pace. Or if they came without their cars, they would take conducted tours. But the main idea was to get there slowly, enjoy themselves quietly, and return slowly," he says.

In 1962, Epirotiki made plans to test its theory with a passenger and car ferry liner, the t.s.s. Hermes.

"The only trouble was," Mr. Allalouf recalls, "that the planned route ran from Venice to Beirut. But we managed to convince them that they would do much more business in Israel, for we felt that tremendous numbers of Germans and Britons wanted to visit Israel; and there were many Israelis who wanted to go abroad with their cars."

The Potamianos family (especially two young brothers George and Andrea) was convinced. And the t.s.s Hermes started on the Venice-Haifa run; a year later it was joined by its sister ship, the t.s.s Pegasus; later the passenger and car ferry business was combined with a "full fledged cruise" service. Today, Epirotiki has nine cruise ships. For six months of the year they cruise the Mediterranean; in winter, they tap the U.S.-Caribbean trade, thus working throughout the year.

'Fit for a god'

Incidentally, the latest ship the firm bought was from Zim. The ship, formerly called the "Moledet," has been refitted completely and is now called the m.t.s. Jupiter. The brochure describing the ship says: "A ship fit for a god, and the most powerful god at that... the m.t.s. Jupiter is the largest and as majestic a luxury cruise ship as introduced by the century-old shipping concern — and without sacrifice of any of the intimacy prevalent on the company's other vessels."

The ship is outstanding in other ways. It charges up to $100 a day per person; but the ship is aimed at the rich American trade. Other cruise ships in the company's service change as little as $12 a day.

On the latter type of ship, the t.s.s. Pegasus, for example, the passengers are roughly 60 per cent Germans; with the rest a mixture of Israelis, British, French and Italians. On a recent trip, when shore excursions were made, it took three buses to carry the German-speaking passengers; one bus for the English-speaking (which included most of the Israelis as well as the British), and one joint "French-Italian" bus.

No visas

Another advantage of the cruise ship for Israelis is that they can travel on "collective passports" which cuts the travel tax by about IL200. (The dollar allowance is also cut from $250 to $125.) No visas are needed to enter any of the five countries (Turkey, Greece, Yugoslavia, Italy, Cyprus) at which the Pegasus touches (and of course not at Crete, Corfu or Rhodes). A simple "landing card" is sufficient, and passengers do not have to pass through any customs or passport controls. As a matter of fact, with the exception of Yugoslavia, only the most perfunctary glances are cast at these "landing cards," which are identified more by their colour than by the names of the passengers listed on them.

The shore excursions (generally to the antiquities) are usually for half a day, although there are complete-day tours of Venice and Athens available, except for Israel. Here, the passengers are given two and a half days of tours: Haifa-Jerusalem-Tel Aviv; Haifa-Nazareth-Tiberias; and Haifa-Acre. The tours in Israel, incidentally, are the most expensive. However, the visitors return to their "floating hotel" each night.

The passengers themselves are a mixed lot. A group of American youngsters, for example, started out to be quiet and well-mannered. Until one of them found a copy of "Time" magazine which described, in not too flattering words, how American boys and girls act abroad. Within minutes, they turned into a loud-mouthed, ill-mannered bunch.

But each nationality thought that its own was the loudest and noisiest; the Israelis thought this of the youngsters in their group; and so did the Germans and the British. As for the British, don't believe those stories that they don't talk to strangers before they are introduced; and that they are silent types. They talk and they talk and they talk, and to anyone who will listen, and even to those who don't want to listen. It is my opinion that the habit of walking around the ship's deck was developed by a non-listener being pursued by a talker.

Some of the Germans had other problems. As one said: "Everywhere we go, people remind us of the Second World War, except in Israel." Nevertheless, German is the *lingua franca* of the Eastern Mediterranean. All the shopkeepers know German, or at least what passes for pidgin German. English runs a bad second, followed by French.

Varied guides

The guides (the shore excursions are arranged by the ship company) proved to be a varied lot, well versed in ancient history, but who deliberately sidetracked modern times. Now and then one slipped up. In Greece, for example we learned that the "King is on an extended vacation."

But they unabashedly steered visitors to stores where they could do some "shopping"; as well as to specific restaurants. And when it comes to misspelling English words on a menu, Israel already lags far behind. One menu read: Batled radich, stimp beats, spitted meat, peackes, aplles, oragnges, and liver broiler.

But when it comes to the "art of pollution" Israel can justly claim to be in the first ranks, although the Cypriots are fast learning the business. And of all the guides, it was a young blonde girl in Cyprus who proved to be the most interesting. Her father was a Greek, her mother a German, and she had been reared in Germany and England. Her husband was a British soldier serving in Cyprus, and she had been only 18 months on the island and, as she admitted, her Greek could be improved. She was accompanied by her two-year-old son who persistently took the microphone away from her for his own little messages to the world.

As a new Cypriot, she felt called upon to extoll the virtues of the island country, and after describing its recent history, she dramatically said: "And we of Cyprus look forward to the future with..." (She forgot the last word). She tried again, but still could not remember the word.

"Lady," I said, "if you ever remember that word, I would appreciate it if you would tell us."

She did remember. It was, confidence.

Finance Minister Pinhas Sapir seen during a visit to the Tadiran electronics plant in Tel Aviv last week. (Israel Sun photo)

Owner of trawler sunk by Egyptians is exasperated

CAUGHT IN RED-TAPE NET

By YA'ACOV FRIEDLER
Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA.— THE "Israeli worst hit by the devaluation," the owner of the ill-fated trawler Orit, is now making desperate efforts to persuade the Government to help him get another fishing trawler. He is Mr. Shimon Magirkewitz, 54, of Tel Aviv, who owned the Orit, on May 13, 1970, when she was sunk off the Sinai coast, by an Egyptian missile boat, killing two of her four-man crew.

For 15 months he has "been running around from one government office to another to get myself re-established as a fisherman, because that's the only trade I know," Mr. Magirkewitz, who has been fishing ever since he immigrated 32 years ago, told *The Post*.

"Somehow I had just about raised the $58,000 I needed for another boat when the devaluation hit me. Now I'm again IL50,000 short," he said.

War damage

For a start he had protracted arguments with the Arnona war damage authorities, who assessed the trawler he lost at only IL115,000, "which is less than half the cost of a boat to replace her," he said. Finally, after he had engaged a lawyer, the Arnona agreed to "compromise" with a sum of IL150,000, which he rejected, and his appeal is still pending. Meanwhile he used the IL115,000 to pay off a IL82,000 debt he still owed to the Agriculture Bank for the Orit. "I got caught with a linked loan" and severance pay for the crew of the Orit and their survivors. This left him without any money, "and I'm ashamed to say that I have been living off my children since," he said.

Because the authorities have so far refused to recognize trawlers as "border settlements," the Arnona will not pay him for the "indirect losses" he suffered through being unable to work for lack of a boat.

Two months ago, the Fishermen's Union urged him to go to Italy and look around for a suitable boat, and secretary Dov Schmiede promised that he would somehow raise the money if Magirkewitz found a boat. Meanwhile the 20 per cent "defence charge" had been imposed on imports, and the Treasury refused to release him from this payments, if he found a boat.

He found an old trawler for sale in Sicily, "and she suited me. She cost $50,000 and I needed another $8,000 to recondition her and fit her for work in Israel." He paid a few hundred dollars advance, and came back hoping to raise the IL250,000, (including the 20 per cent surcharge) he needed.

The Union appealed to the Ministry of Agriculture and about two weeks ago, the Ministry agreed to recommend that the Agriculture Bank give him a IL240,000 loan.

"Then the Bank demanded collateral. All I could offer was my flat, which they didn't accept, or the boat, which is still in Sicily, so I was left high and dry again," he told me. The Fishermen's Union made another appeal, and this time the Ministry's Director-General agreed to recommend that the Bank take the Ministry's word in lieu of collateral, pending the arrival of the boat. But because it was not clear who was to actually write the letter to the Bank management "it wasn't written. So I ran around again, and then, last Saturday, the devaluation hit me like a bombshell. Now I'm IL50,000 further away than ever from my trawler, and I don't know how to raise the money," Mr. Magirkewitz said.

How did he expect to pay off the IL240,000 loan? "I'm still demanding that the Arnona pay me IL240,000, the cost of a boat I need, and not IL115,000, the cost they estimated of the Orit which was sunk," he argues. "And once I have a boat and start working again, I can pay off the part I'll owe."

What would he do now? "Look, I had my import licence ready a fortnight before the devaluation, and I don't think it's my fault that the bureaucracy held me back."

Mr. Magirkewitz, obviously exasperated after 15 months of trying to get back to his trade, said, "Actually I don't ask for any money at all. I lost my boat through enemy action, and all I want is that the State give me another boat, so that I can go back to work. I don't think that's too much to ask. The devaluation was the last straw for me, and if I don't pick up my option for the boat in Sicily next month, I'll lose her too."

Ceylon gets back its week-end

By LUCIEN RAJAKARUNA

COLOMBO (Ofns). — AFTER a five-year experiment in having her own weekly holidays, Ceylon rejoined the international holiday pattern earlier this month when the Saturday-Sunday break was restored in the island.

It was in January 1966 that the former right-wing Government of Mr. Dudley Senanayake implemented an electoral pledge giving in to Buddhist chauvinism and introduced the "Poya Week-end" to replace the Saturday-Sunday week-end which was introduced nearly 500 years ago by the Portuguese conquerors.

The new weekly holidays fell on the "Poya Days" or four phases of the moon in the lunar calendar which are held sacred by the Buddhists (who form the majority of the population), and the four half days preceding them. The move led to total confusion in the business sector, with some weeks lasting for eight days. To make up for the loss of the number of holidays required by international convention the Government was forced to grant mid-weekly "special holidays" during long weeks.

The result of all this was the disruption of Ceylon's export-import trade and considerable inconvenience to the average citizen who was always required to consult a calendar to know when the next week-end fell. Often the island, which depends on exports for the bulk of its earnings, was on holiday when the rest of the business world was working and, conversely, Ceylon's business was active when the business capitals of the world were closed for the Saturday-Sunday week-end.

The net loss to the country's already strained economy by this ill-thought-out surrender to Buddhist pressure groups was a loss of many millions of rupees in foreign exchange annually.

The decision by the left-wing coalition Government of Mrs. Sirimavo Bandaranaike to restore the Sunday week-end received the near unanimous support of the House of Representatives, with even representatives of the former Government, now in Opposition, supporting it. However, all this support and its endorsement by the official Buddhist clergy and lay leaders did not ensure the smooth passage of the legislation. The Bill was held up for over two weeks in the Senate, where the right-wing Opposition still has a majority. Filibustering members of the Opposition who claimed that the reintroduction of the Sunday holiday was a sell-out of Buddhist rights, tried hard to revive the old slogans of religious extremism, which Mrs. Bandaranaike is trying.

Swift step

When it was clear that the Senate was not going to pass the amending Bill in time for the scheduled first Sunday — August 8 — although all public and private institutions had already made arrangements for the change-over, the Government took the swift step of introducing the Sunday holiday scheme under the State of Emergency, which was declared after the recent attempted uprising.

In introducing the new holiday scheme, the Government tried to satisfy Buddhist feeling by agreeing to grant all the 13 full moon days of the lunar calendar as holidays. Although this will mean an addition of 10 holidays for the Ceylonese worker — who already enjoys 15 public holidays each year, in addition to the 52 week-ends — the new full moon holidays will hardly give the impression of a holiday. The Government has promulgated regulations banning all public entertainment on the full moon day.

This means that on the 12 full moon days of the year which are sacred to the Buddhists, all places of public entertainment such as night clubs and cinemas, liquor shops, taverns, and public bars, betting shops and gambling clubs, will have to remain closed, and the slaughter and sale of any meat has been totally banned. The penalty for infringing these regulations could be a fine of 1,000 rupees (approximately £65) or a two-year term of imprisonment.

While the Government has shown unusual political courage in going ahead with this move, it has also obtained greater public sympathy for its move to abolish the Senate which, with its Opposition majority, has blocked several vital legislative measures. The most important of these is a Bill for the Acquisition of Business Establishments by the Government, which has been twice passed by the Lower House.

The public support for the Sunday week-end, which has now been introduced under Emergency Regulations, will certainly strengthen the hand of Mrs. Bandaranaike's Government when it moves next to abolish the Senate — for which a Bill has already been passed in the Lower House.

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Group practice to take place of beloved GP's

By Macabee Dean
Jerusalem Post Reporter

THE general practitioner was terrific in his day, but his day has passed; today, he is as obsolete as the horse-and-buggy he drove. The problem is how to salvage one of his finest characteristics, his ability to see his patient as "a living person," not as the neutral carrier of an ailment which had to be treated.

This is stated by Dr. Albert Waldo, a cardiologist, who is Assistant Professor of Pharmacology at the College of Physicians and Surgeons at Columbia University in New York. Dr. Waldo, who utilized his vacation here to visit local medical institutions, believes he has the solution: group practice.

But before he explains the advantages of "group practice," Dr. Waldo likes to point out why (he thinks) the GP has to be shelved as a relic. The reason is simple: he cannot keep up with the latest advances in medicine "even if he studies day and night — and this means he won't have any time left to see patients."

Dr. Waldo points out that specialization has taken place in every field of endeavour, due to the explosion of knowledge. "Remember the old-fashioned newspaper editor? He used to collect news, write the news, edit the news, write the headlines, write the editorials, collect adds, set type, read proofs, and even run the printing presses. Times have changed, each field has become specialized, yet this same newspaper editor expects the doctor to be an expert in every conceivable field of medicine."

Disadvantage

The GP has another disadvantage. As a rule, he only works in a hospital for about two years after he finishes medical school. This is only enough to give him a wide general outlook; not enough to teach him enough to go deep into any field.

The problem is further complicated in the U.S. by the fact that many GP's try to treat diseases for which they are poorly equipped, rather than send them to a specialist and lose a patient. "Sometimes the GP makes a successful stab in the dark; more often he diagnoses the ailment wrongly, and the patient is sent to the specialist after the disease is further advanced."

"Group practice" consists of half a dozen physicians, each a specialist in internal medicine (i.e. a doctor who specialized for several years in this field in a hospital) who also has a sub-speciality.

"Thus, we will have five or six doctors, each of whom will be a GP for a certain group of persons. And each of these doctors will also be an expert in one of the main different fields of fitness, such as heart, kidneys, arthritis, hematology, infectious disease, etc." He adds that if one of the new GP's is unable to handle a case, he has "only to knock on the door next to his and either consult with one of his colleagues, or to transfer this specific part of the case to his colleague."

Night duty roster

The new system, he believes, will allow the doctors to arrange a "night duty roster" between them, thus answering night calls. And it would be wise to have a psychiatrist in the group practice, since many patients need this type of help as well. For example, a patient might fall victim to a heart disease; this is physical and needs regular treatment; but as a result of his ailment, he might also develop psychiatric problems which must be treated.

He believes that the "group practice" system is highly applicable to Israel. (It has been discussed in most favourable terms in Kupat Holim circles.) But it means doing away with the idea of having a doctor in each outlying village.

"The average GP in an outlying village can do very little in emergencies except send the patient to the nearest hospital. As a rule, I would think it advisable and cheaper to keep an ambulance in the village than a doctor; at any rate, you can buy the ambulance; you'll not find the doctor willing to settle. The doctor would practice the best medicine in a little "group practice" clinic located within easy driving distance of half a dozen villages."

"A word in your ear, Mister Mayor": Mayor Lindsay has a quiet aside with his special adviser on drug matters, Diane Lacey, in the Blue Room at New York's City Hall. (Photo by David Robison, Camera Press, London)

MAYOR LINDSAY'S AFRO AIDE

JOHN Vliet Lindsay, the 49-year-old Republican Mayor of New York City, is all things to all foes. To the revolutionaries and the liberals, his administration is slow to move and half-hearted in its reforms; to the reactionaries, he is too progressive and enlightened.

In fact, Mayor Lindsay's cherished city is incredibly unmanageable — and he has managed better than most. He faces one of the largest crime rates, one of the largest housing shortages and certainly one of the largest drug addiction problems in the United States. The fact that he has survived the test of re-election shows that most voters consider he has been successful.

One of Mayor Linday's greatest assets is his willingness to listen, and his ability to recruit useful advisers. In a city with so many large minority groups, he attempts to keep his staff as mixed as possible. Out of 20 top aides, three are black and many of the others are Jewish.

On his special Council on Drug Control, which exists not only to help drug addicts but also to smash the trafficking rings, he is advised by Diane Lacey, a tall, dedicated black reformer. With her wild Afro hair style, the 29-year-old Miss Lacey stands as tall as Mayor Lindsay — who is himself a good 6'3" tall.

The Mayor, it is said, relies more and more on his Aide on Matters of Drug Control. With her help, he has started a number of showcase projects, including a special school in Brooklyn which caters for former heroin addicts. Miss Lacey is feeling increasingly respectful toward her employer; in the beginning, she says, there were three things against her — she was black, a woman, and a militant. Now, the relationship is paying dividends.

Diane Lacey has worked for Mayor Lindsay for a year now. Together with Jay Kriegel, the Mayor's youthful personal assistant, she holds a meeting once a week in the Blue Room of the City Hall. The drug problem is immense, but the multi-racial group, headed by the Mayor, is doing its best.

DIVORCE ISRAELI STYLE

THE three greybeards sat nodding over their papers. I had dressed carefully for the occasion — long-sleeved midi, flat shoes and the minimum of make-up discreetly applied. I did not want to antagonise these venerable gentlemen. I *had* to have a divorce.

"On what grounds do you bring your plea for divorce?"

"Hardship, Adoni HaRav."

"Your husband is unkind to you?"

"Oh no, never."

"He beats you?"

(Horrified) "He's never lifted a finger to me."

The heads nod a little faster, muttering among themselves. *"He is, perhaps, unfaithful to you?"*

"Oh no, he swears he has never looked at another woman since we first met."

"Then he is mean, perhaps?"

"The most generous man alive, Adoni HaRav."

"Then why do you want a divorce?"

"I don't really want a divorce, but I have no choice. You see, it's the income tax.

"Before we got married my husband worked on his own and, for a bachelor, made a nice living. After we met I started working with him, but then we got married and, having responsibilities, my husband took two partners and they formed a company in which he is a shareholder. As soon as the children were old enough, I went back to work with my husband and that's when the trouble started. Because even though I work in the office from 8 till 1 and from 4 till 7, run a home and bring up four children, in the eyes of the income tax I am not a working mother. Oh no, I am just a 'husband's help'! Not only do they deduct 30 per cent income tax at source from my salary and 50 per cent from my husband's — at the end of the year they add up what's been left to both of us, put it in his name and take about 70 per cent of that! And on top of that, although I've lived in Eilat for eight years suffering from the heat, the high cost of living and the low grade of services, they do not regard me as an Eilat citizen — oh no! I am just a husband's helper and therefore not entitled to the first IL400.- tax free as any other Eilati."

"So for this you need a divorce?"

"It's the only way Adoni HaRav. Once I'm divorced I regain my identity. I'll be an Eilat citizen again, with IL400.- free of tax."

"And what about the children?"

"Oh! my husband will keep them. Then he will have four dependants, get the National Insurance for large families — and he will pay me alimony."

"And what about your home?"

"That's in both our names. And, in any case, I'm not moving out. In the eyes of the law I'll be an unmarried mother. And there's nothing like divorce to add spice to married life!"

"And have you thought about if there will be any more children?"

"Oh, yes Adoni HaRav... if it's a boy we'll call him Pinhas..."

SHEILA MELTZER

PARIS LETTER — by Ann Head

Paris abandons 10,000 pet dogs a year

PARIS (Ofns). — HOLIDAY time in France means the end of their lives for thousands of cats and dogs. Various methods are used to get rid of an unwanted dog; a car door is opened, the dog is told to get out, the door closes and the car drives off; dogs are tied to trees and abandoned or are just turned out into the street.

There is only one home for abandoned animals in the Paris region, the Societe Protectrice des Animaux (SPA) founded in 1845 by Marechal de Gramont. It has no Government grants and is financed by its members' fees. There are more than 33,000 members all over France and the annual fee is 25 francs a year. Funds also come in from legacies and gifts. "We have only cats and dogs," says the administrator, M. Hepp, "because a goat, for example, earns money for its owners."

According to the SPA, between 10,000 and 15,000 dogs are abandoned every year in Paris alone. This figure is very approximate and applies only to dogs handed in or picked up by the SPA. In the South of France two winters ago I saw bands of wild cats roaming on the outskirts of a small town near Cannes. The local people told me that they were the survivors of the "holiday cats", those that had survived being abandoned by holiday-makers.

The building called *"Le Bon Accueil — Refuge pour Animaux Abandonnes"* is in a bleak area of factories in the Paris suburb of Gennevilliers. It can house up to 350 dogs and about 100 cats in some sort of comfort.

Annoyed owner

In M. Hepp's office when I called there was a brindle dachshund which had been handed in to the PA office because it barked at traffic and "this annoyed its owner."

Madame Marguerite Zanvit, in charge of "Le Bon Accueil" is a round, blonde-haired, dynamic woman in her late forties. She started working at Gennevilliers 20 years ago "in the office." At that time there were 30 dogs and 20 cats, and only one man to look after the kennels. She obviously has a higher opinion of animals than most humans, she is also a great saleswoman. Orson Welles was there when I visited; after an hour of walking around he was still not decided to take a dog, but after 10 minutes' persuasive chat he walked off happily with an even happier large black dog.

"When I started working here some said: 'You must love animals to do it,' but after 20 years I know it would be easier if you didn't love them. In July we were so overcrowded that there were sometimes three or four dogs in a pen. It was an act of kindness to find something wrong with an animal so that it could be put out of its misery." Of all the dogs that are brought in — at holiday periods at least 80 a day — one-third are put to sleep.

All breeds

There are few breeds of dog not represented: there are spaniels, fox terriers, alsatians, a basset hound, labradors, a large Greenland hound, dalmatians and every imaginable variety of mongrel. In July a Member of Parliament asked the Minister of the Interior: "What steps are being taken to end this scandalous practice of abandoning animals at holiday time, which gives France the sad privilege of being the European country in which such habits were the most prevalent?" What is required, of course, is beyond any Minister's power to command — a radical change in French behaviour.

M. Jean-Baptiste Chaudet spends his holiday driving around France stocking up his cellars for the coming years. He owns one of the few remaining Paris wine shops, near the Jardin des Plantes and the Paris Mosque.

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"People drink more and more whisky," M. Chaudet said, "and generally drink less wine and liqueurs, but they tend to be more difficult about quality."

M. Chaudet is in his late 50s. He comes from the Savoie district in East France. "My father was a small farmer with a few vines, from which we made a ghastly rough wine," he says. "I first came to Paris in 1928. It was a bad time and the only job I could get was waiter in a cafe. In 1935 I was manager of a wine merchant's. Then came World War II. I managed to escape obligatory work in Germany and after the war I started my own business here."

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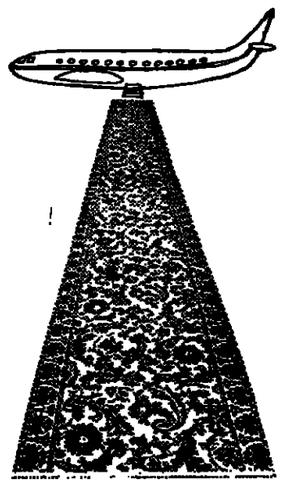

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O.A.U. visit

Davar (Histadrut), welcoming the proposed visit of African presidents, writes: "The four presidents constitute a distinguished representation of the African continent, with regard to both their personalities and the positions occupied by their countries on the continent. The purpose of their visit — to gather first-hand information before reaching a decision as to the best means for achieving peace — is a practice Israel cannot avoid supporting in the solution of international conflicts."

Hatzofe (National Religious) on the other hand, says: "Israel has no cause to encourage intervention by an African factor in the Middle East." The paper appreciates "the value of the proposed visit from the point of view of personal contact between the presidents of African states and the State of Israel."

Ha'aretz (non-party) devotes its editorial to the lead item on its front page, to the effect that Meir Lansky offered the paper's correspondent a large amount in dollars for documents relating to Lansky which the correspondent had uncovered in the course of an investigation in the United States. The paper writes: "Linking the names of persons connected for decades with organized crime in the U.S. with those of politicians and senior police officers in Israel, must alarm every Israel citizen ..."

Lod flights

SUNDAY

ARRIVALS: El Al 376, from Bucharest, 0250; TWA 845, from Bangkok and Bombay, 0600; Alitalia 738, from Rome, 1155; Swissair 332, from Zurich, 1225; CP 163, from Montreal, Amsterdam and Rome, 1235; TWA 844, from New York, Rome and Athens, 1355; El Al 406, from London, 1430; TWA 888, from New York, 1510; TWA 600, from Los Angeles, New York, Frankfurt and Athens, 1520; Lufthansa 634, from Frankfurt and Munich, 1530; El Al 400, from New York, 1540; El Al 412, from Zurich, 1555; BOAC 310, from London, 1605; El Al 314 from Nicosia, 1610; SAS 853, from Copenhagen, 1630; Air France 136, from Paris, 1630; El Al 418, from Paris, 1645; TWA 806, from Chicago, New York and Paris, 1645; Air France 196, from Paris and Rome, 1645; THY 996, from Istanbul, 1700; TWA 810, from Washington, Boston, Paris, Rome and Athens, 1710; El Al 416, from London, 1845; Swissair 338, from Zurich and Geneva, 1855; Cypriar 302, from Nicosia, 1900; BEA 482, from London, 1910; Air France 164, from Paris and Nice, 2140; BOAC 724, from London and Zurich, 2310.

DEPARTURES: El Al 811, to Paris and New York, 0230; TWA 811, to Athens, Rome, Paris, Boston and Washington, 0600; TWA 803, to Paris, New York and San Francisco, 0635; El Al 417, to Paris, 0645; El Al 213, to Rome and New York, 0700; El Al 411, to Zurich, 0710; Swissair 331, to Zurich, 0725; El Al 211, to Paris and New York, 0755; TWA 845, to Athens, Rome, New York and Los Angeles, 0800; Olympic 302, to Athens, 0800; El Al 415, to London, 0815; Air France 219, to Amsterdam and Montreal, 0830; Air France 121, to Rome and Paris, 0840; Austrian 712, to Vienna, 0850; TWA 881, to Athens and New York, 0910; BEA 483, to London, 0930; BOAC 309, to London, 0945; El Al 15, to London and New York, 1000; TWA 801, to Paris, New York and Chicago, 1045; Alitalia 739, to Rome, 1245; El Al 312, to Nicosia, 1300; Swissair 333, to Geneva and Zurich, 1335; TWA 844, to Bombay and Bangkok, 1455; CP 163, to Rome, Amsterdam and Montreal, 1455; Lufthansa 637, to Munich and Frankfurt, 1620; El Al 113, to Johannesburg, 1630; BOAC 311, to London, 1700; Air France 137, to Paris, 1730; SAS 854, to Copenhagen, 1730; Air France 196, to Teheran, Bombay, Bangkok and Tokyo, 1735; THY 997, to Istanbul, 1740; El Al 412, to Rome, 1800; Cypriar 303, to Nicosia, 1940; El Al 111, to Teheran, 2330; BOAC 724, to Teheran, New Delhi, Bangkok, Singapore and Sydney, 2355.

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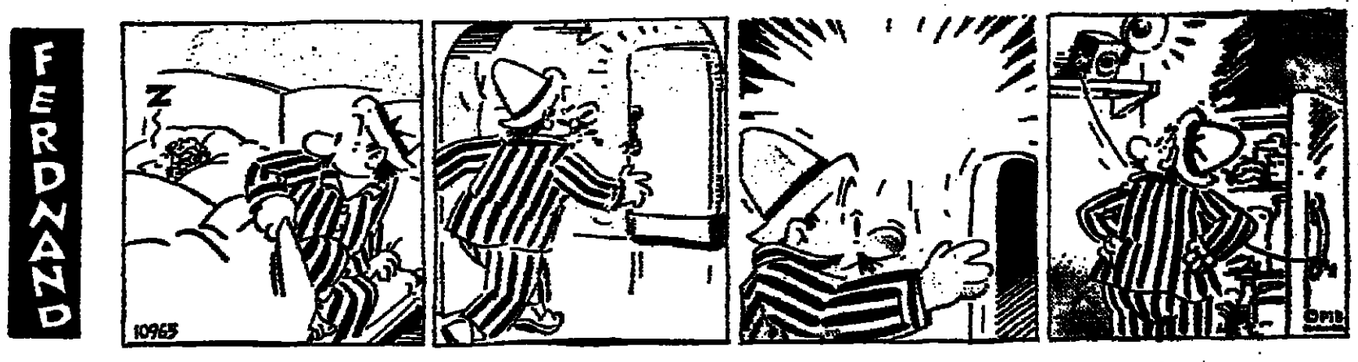

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ARNON: The Boys in the Band; CHEN: Love Story; EDEN: Mais — elle cause; EDISON: The Heroic Battle for the Bridge; JERUSALEM: M.A.S.H.; HABIRAH: Fishke in the Army; ORION: Zeppelin; ORNA: Doctors' Wives; RON: Who ?; SEMADAR: Easy Rider.

TEL AVIV
(4.30 — 7.15 — 9.30)
ALLENBY: The Deserter; ARMON DAVID: The Bird with the Crystal Plumage; BEN YEHUDA: Percy; CHEN: Love Story; CINERAMA: That's The Way It Is, 5, 7.15, 9.30; EDEN: Storm of Love, 4, 7, 9.15; ESTHER: The Last Wish; GAT: A Night in Casablanca; GORDON: Mourir d'aimer; HOD: Arulai the Policeman; MAXIM: The Masque of the Red Death; MOGRABI: Fishke in the Army; OPHIR: Halls of Anger; ORION: The Baby Maker, 7.30, 9.30; PARIS: Kes; PEER: Taking Off, 7.30, 9.30; RAMAT AVIV: Move, 7.15, 9.30; SHEREROTH: The Ballad of Cable Hogue; STUDIO: The Music Lovers, 7, 9.30; TCHELET: Start the Revolution Without Me, 5.30, 7.30, 9.30; TEL AVIV: Making It, 7.15, 9.30; YARON: How Did A Nice Girl Like You Get In This Business; ZAFON: Doctor Zhivago, 4.30, 8.30; ZAMIR: Indomitable Angelique, 5.30, 7.30, 9.30.

RAMAT GAN
(7.15 — 9.30)
ARMON: Leo the Last; HADAR: The Baby Maker; OASIS: Buttercup Chain; ORDEA: On Behalf of the Friends; RAMA: Cotton Comes to Harlem; RAMAT GAN: Ryan's Daughter, 4.30, 8.30.

PETAH TIKVA
SHALOM: Fishke in the Army, 4, 7.15, 9.30.

HAIFA
(4.00 — 6.45 — 9.00)
AMPHITHEATRE: War Devils; ARMON: I Walk the Line; CHEN: Love Story; MIRON: When Dinosaurs Ruled the Earth; MORIAH: Menschen im Hotel, 6.45, 9; ORAH: Mourir d'amer; BEIT ROTHSCHILD: Let It Be; MAY: Percy; ORION: Dynamite in Jamaica; ORLY: Chariots of the Gods, 6.45, 9; PEER: Fishke in the Army; RON: Song of Norway; SHAVIT: The Priest's Wife.

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ON THE AIR

FIRST PROGRAMME
256, 249.5, and 221 M.
News: 2.00, 3.00, 4.00, 5.00, 6.00, 7.00, 9.00, 10.00, 11.00 and 12.00 p.m.

SECOND PROGRAMME
457 and 423 M.
News: 6.02, 7.00, 8.00, 9.00, 10.00, 11.00 and 12.00 a.m.; 1.00, 2.00, 3.00, 4.00, 5.00, 6.00, 8.00, 10.00, 11.00, 12.00 p.m. and 1.00 a.m.

FIRST PROGRAMME
1.58 p.m. Opening. 2.10 Mother and Child. 3.04 Programme Announcements. 3.05 "Folklore in Sound" — Jazz or Popular Music. 4.04 "From Youth to Youth". 4.35 Literature for High Schools. 4.55 Book Review. 5.05 "Music for Sunday" — A special programme for the Christian communities — Guillaume Dufay: "L'homme armé". Missa (The Berkeley Chamber Singers conducted by Aidan Gilchrist); Pierre Certon: Magnificat (The Mid America Chorale directed by Dexter). 5.55 Announcements. 6.07 On People and Numbers. 6.35 On Work and Workers. 6.55 For the Farmer. 7.05 "This Day" — People and Events in the News. 7.20 "A Bit of Music." 7.50 Bible Reading: Ezra, chaps. 5 and 6. 8.00 Programme Announcements. 8.10 Film Review. 8.45 "From the Concert Hall" — The Israel Philharmonic Orchestra — Schumann: Symphony No. 4 in D-minor (Conductor: Daniel Barenboim); Mahler: "Ich bin der Welt abhanden gekommen" "Lieder eines Fahrenden Gesellen" (Dietrich Fischer-Diskau — Baritone; Conductor: Daniel Barenboim); Shulamit Ran: Concert-piece for Piano and Orchestra (Soloist: The Composer; Conductor: Zubin Mehta). 10.05 "Curtain Up." 11.05 "Eine Kleine Nachtmusik" — Giordani: String Concerto No. 5 ("Musicorum Arcadio" Ensemble); Dittersdorf: Cembalo Concerto in B-flat major (Soloist: Robert Veyron-Lacroix; Conductor: Kurt Redel); Sinding: Suite in A-minor op. 10 (Yascha Heifets — Violin); Moniuszko: "Bajka" ("A Tale") Conductor: Vitold Rowicki). 12.05 Close Down.

SECOND PROGRAMME
Commercial Programme
6.00 a.m. Religious Service. 6.10 Exercises. 6.20 Musical Clock. 7.05 Press Review. 7.15 Hebrew Songs. 7.55 "Green Light." 8.10 "Good Morning." 8.55 "From A to Z." 9.05 "Good Morning" Housewife's Corner. 11.05 Programme for the Worker and the Employer. 12.30 "At Midday" — News and Music. 2.03 Press Review. 2.10 Where to Go. 2.35 This is Ehud Manor. 3.30 "On One Foot" — ed by David Weiser. 3.35 This is Ehud Manor. (cont.). 4.05 The Foreign Hit Parade. 4.30 Quiz by S. Rosen. 4.35 Foreign Hit Parade (cont.). 5.40 Sport. 6.45 The Small Ad Corner. 6.50 Close Down.
9.05 "It's a matter of character" 9.33 Light Music. 10.04 "First Applause" (repeat). 11.05 Old Popular Songs. 12.05 "Music in a Light Flavour" — ed. by Eddi Halpern. 1.05 a.m. Close Down.

FOURTH PROGRAMME
407, 443 and 293 M.
News in English: 7.00 a.m., 1.30 and 8.30 p.m. News in French: 7.15 a.m., 2.00 and 8.45 p.m.
Arabic Programme: 5.58-7.00 a.m. 7.30-9.00 a.m., 10.58 a.m.-1.30 p.m., 2.30-8.30 p.m.; 9.00 p.m.-12.05 a.m.

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Hebrew Programme: 7.30 p.m. Bewitched. 8.00 Mabat. 8.20 Moked. 9.05 Run for your life: Random run in Tokyo. 9.55 News. 10.00 Service Broadcast by the Transport Ministry.

ENGLISH PROGRAMMES
(457, 232, 442 and 42 M.; 727, 1053, 877, 7190 kHz)
7.00 a.m. News and Israel Press Review. 1.30 p.m. Jerusalem Calling—News and Sound Pictures of Life in Israel. 8.30 Newsweek — News and Newsreel.
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IMMIGRANT'S HOUR
7.00 p.m. News in Easy Hebrew: What's New in Economy? Hebrew Lesson. 7.30 Yiddish. 8.00 Ladino. 8.15 Moghrabi. 8.30 Rumanian. 8.45 Russian. 9.00 Close Down.

ARMY PROGRAMME
216, 225 and 285 M.
11.00 a.m. Request Programme. 11.15 From the French Hit Parade. 11.30 Army in Colour. 11.40 Requests (cont.). 12.00 News. 12.05 Requests (cont.). 12.30 A Star in Khaki 12.35 Requests (cont.). 1.00 News. 1.05 Hebrew Songs. 1.30 Sports Corner. 1.40 Requests (cont.). 1.55 Announcements for Soldiers. 2.00 2.10 Close Down.
2.57 p.m. Opening. 3.00 News. 3.05 "Please Call" — with Edna Shavit. 4.00 News. 4.05 "Please Call" (cont.). 4.35 Y. Livneh's Talk. 4.55 "Please Call" (cont.). 5.00 News. 5.05 Requests. 5.40 Rahel's Diary. 6.00 News. 6.05 A Glimpse Inside — ed. by A. Arad and Tamar Meroz. 7.00 News. 7.10 Hebrew Hit Parade. 8.00 News. 8.05 The Hebrew Hit Parade (cont.). 8.30 My Top. 8.40 New Songs for the Hit Parade. 9.00 News. 9.05 A Birthday Party for Doron Havakkin (repeat). 10.00 News. 10.05 Tonight with Ram Evron. 11.00 News. 11.05 Tonight (cont.). 12.00 News. 12.05 Close Down.

VOICE OF AMERICA
238 M. (Medium Wave)
5.00 a.m. The Breakfast Show (News, Music, Topical Reports and Features). 9.00 News and Topical Reports. 9.15 Special English Feature.
4.00 p.m. News in Special English. 4.15 Special English Feature. 4.30 Studio One. 5.00 News and Topical Reports. 5.15 Religion Today. 5.30 Issues in the News. 6.00 News in Special English. 6.30 Letters from Listeners.
11.00 News and Topical Reports. 11.10 Critics Choice. 11.30 Issues in the News. 12.00 News in Special English. 12.15 Special English Feature 12.30 Studio One. 1.00 a.m. News and Topical Reports. 1.10 Letters from Listeners. 1.30 American Musical Theatre. 2.00 Close Down.

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Paying 'true' price

Horowitz for rise in basic products

By DAVID KRIVINE
Jerusalem Post Economic Correspondent

Opponents of the price rise in basic commodities get no support from Mr. David Horowitz, Governor of the Bank of Israel, one of the chief engineers of last week's devaluation. He says: "We have become by now an affluent society. Why should we not pay the true price for the food we consume?"

Speaking to *The Jerusalem Post on Friday, he pointed out that* there is no difference of views about the need to protect poor people from the impact of higher prices. "They ought, if anything, to be over-compensated," he stressed. "The necessities of financial policy should not be used as an excuse for neglecting the fight against poverty."

All persons earning up to IL650 a month will in fact get an increased "costliness allowance"—and they number 100,000, or 11 per cent of the country's breadwinners. But Mr. Horowitz asks: "Is there truly any reason for subsidising foodstuffs purchased by persons earning more?" The budgetary expense would come to IL75m., creating further inflationary pressures.

As it is, the price rise has been kept low — for reasons of social policy. Governor Horowitz does not deny that he was pressing for devaluation two years ago, and has advocated and exchange-rate of IL5.50 to the dollar. Compared with that figure which is closer to the true effective exchange-rate of the pound, even the new price of basic commodities is still "subsidised."

He wanted during the interview to correct two mis-statements that had cropped into *The Post* last week One concerns Israel's foreign currency reserves. A news report declared that the Bank of Israel used dollars to buy German marks. "Nothing could be further from the truth," Mr. Horowitz declared. "We have a large inflow of marks, since restitutions alone bring in $200m. On the other hand, Israel's payments are made largely in dollars, because we import chiefly from countries using the dollar as their trading currency. That is the reason, and the only reason, why the great majority of our reserves is in German currency."

When addressing the Economic Committee of the Labour Alignment, he spoke in favour of a greater flexibility in rates of exchange. "This was mis-translated as multiple rates. I have never concealed my antipathy to multiple exchange-rates, which create distortions in the price pattern. Flexibility is another matter. It means a readiness to make the official value of a currency conform when the real value changes."

Stressing the importance of these adjustments in Israel, he drew attention to the contrast with America's situation. "All the United States' foreign trade amounts to only 3 or 4 per cent of her total resources; yet she has initiated a change in the value of her currency. In our case, Israel's current payments deficit alone accounts for 9 per cent of total resources — so how much more was it imperative for us to lower the value of our currency," he says.

(The ceiling for the costliness allowance was raised last week from IL586 a month to IL646. The already existent allowance of IL48 was increased by IL30, making IL78 for all incomes up to IL490. Above that, the allowance is trimmed by 50 ag. per pound of extra income. so that persons earning over IL646 get nothing. The Histadrut is pressing for lifting the ceiling to IL700 — which would mean trimming the allowance, say, by 30 ag. per pound above IL490.)

Israel leftists start talks in Russia

MOSCOW (Reuter). — Six Israeli lef-wingers, the first such group to visit the Soviet Union since it broke off relations with their country in 1967, on Friday began informal talks with Soviet officials.

After preliminary discussions at the Soviet Committee for the Defence of Peace, they met Mr. Yevgeni Ivanov, vice-president of the Union of Friendship Leagues.

The group, invited individually by the Peace Committee and not as an official delegation, arrived here on Thursday for talks on points where they say they hope to reach understanding with the Russians.

One member of the group, Professor Dan Miron, said, "Our hosts are rather encouraging us to speak frankly and discuss all problems on which we could take back answers to Israel."

Asked if the group might try to pave the way for a normalization of relations, Professor Miron said: "If our Soviet hosts wish the visit to be like this, we will certainly try to prepare the ground."

The group wanted to discuss the overall question of improving relations with the Soviet Union, including, Jewish emigration, Professor Miron said.

The group was leaving for Odessa on the Black Sea as part of a provincial tour which will also take them to Kishinev, capital of Soviet Moldavia, and to Leningrad. Later they will return to Moscow for what Professor Miron called "some serious talking."

Another member of the group, journalist Nathan Yellin-Mor, had asked to speak to officials of the Middle East Department of the Soviet Foreign Ministry on the emigration question, Professor Miron said.

Asked if the group would try to make its own enquiries on the situation of Jews in cities they visit, he replied: "We shall try to meet Jews and talk to them, but we are not investigating in a legal way." Trials of Jews over the past year in Leningrad, Riga and Kishinev would not be discussed by the group unless the subject was raised by their hosts, he said.

Judge rejects bond request by Panthers

A Jerusalem magistrate on Friday turned down the request of five Black Panthers to be released from jail on bond, stating that the people of the Capital "deserve the courts' protection against those who take the law into their own hands and disrupt everyday life here."

But the same judge reduced the bond of two girls arrested for participation in last Monday's Panther riot. The two, Miriam Amar and Ruth Amsalem, complained that the IL300 bond set originally was too much for them to raise. Judge Moshe Hasson agreed to reduce the sum to IL75 each.

The five men whom he ordered remanded for the duration of the legal proceedings against them are expected to go on trial today in a group of 15 Black Panthers charged with illegal assembly, disturbing the peace and assaulting policemen during last week's violent demonstration. *(Itim)*

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11 curtain calls for Mehta at Salzburg

Maestro Zubin Mehta was called out for 11 curtain calls at the end of the Israel Philharmonic Orchestra concert at the famed Salzburg Festival in the Festspielhaus. Stormy applause from an enthusiastic audience of 3,000 followed the last notes of the concert. The programme included the Brahms Violin Concerto and the Mahler First Symphony, according to reports from the I.P.O.

Israeli violinist Pinhas Zukerman received extended non-stop applause at the end of his performance.

Tickets for the concert were sold out half a year ago.

The concert took place during a rainstorm which caused the lights to go out in the middle of the performance. But the I.P.O. continued to play in the dark until the lights came on again.

Last night, the I.P.O. played at the Edinburg Festival in Scotland with Mehta conducting. Daniel Barenboim was piano soloist.

Another held in bomb case

TEL AVIV. — Police arrested another man on Friday in connection with an alleged attempt to intimidate a State's witness by planting a bomb next to his flat. The suspect, Shabtai Ezra, was remanded in custody for seven days.

On Thursday, a relative of Shabtai Ezra, Shimon Ezra, was remanded. Shimon's father, Harouz Ezra, is being held for complicity in a Hadera bank robbery. It is believed that the younger Ezras planted a bomb near the Tikva Quarter flat of Mordechai Leriah, one of the State's principal witnesses in the case against the suspected bank robbers. *(Itim)*

Pinto Cup golf

CAESAREA. — In the qualifying round in the Pinto Cup played yesterday, the leading qualifiers were Rahamim Sofer of Or Akiva playing with Michael Berold of Savyon returning a score of 64 points. The runners-up pair were Harold Stutzen and Sadie Rosin, both of Tel Aviv, with 32 points.

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75 COMPLAINTS ABOUT ILLEGAL PRICE HIKES

Seventy-five complaints over unjustified price rises were registered on Friday at district offices of the Ministry of Commerce and Industry throughout the country.

The Ministry spokesman announced that the largest number of complaints concerned food products, while a few dealt with prices of furniture and electrical appliances. So far, seven Tel Aviv merchants have been charged with illegal price raising.

Today, Price Controller Moshe Mandelbaum is to meet with representatives of the Restaurant Owners' Association in an attempt to convince them to rescind the price increases instituted after devaluation.

On Friday, Dr. Mandelbaum met with meat importers' representatives who assured him that because of the large supply of liver on hand for the coming holidays, its price could not only be maintained at pre-devaluation level, but possibly even reduced. Similar promises were made by importers of fish fillet, herrings and pharmaceuticals.

Academics demand pay difference

Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA. — The Coordination Committee of the Union of College Graduates will convene on Wednesday to consider action to back their demand for assuring the wage differential. The Committee announced on Friday that steps would be taken if the Finance Minister fails to reply to their demands by then.

They have sent an open letter to Mr. Sapir noting that it had been agreed that the question of the wage differential would be settled by March 31 of this year. But now, five months later, no satisfactory answer has yet been received despite many appeals. They have therefore been forced to make a personal appeal to Mr. Sapir and to publish the letter.

They noted that the parity committee set up to investigate their claim found that the wage differential had worsened by 17per cent, but that the dates set by the Ministerial Salaries Committee to rectify the situation were "unrealistic." They expected Mr. Sapir to understand that this kind of procrastination has given their members the feeling that the government felt "assured" that the academics would show self-restraint "regardless of how cynically we are treated."

They warned him that their patience could not be "exploited without a limit," despite the fact that they did wish to show restraint in view the labour situation in the country. They asked him to reply within a week, failing which they would have to decide on action.

Shooting of new film in Eilat

Jerusalem Post Reporter

EILAT. — Filming begins here this morning on the new Menahem Golan comedy, "Katz and Carasso." It is being shot in Technicolour by David Garfinkel and stars Shmuel Rodensky, Yossi Shiloah, Yehuda Barkan and Gad Yagil.

The story, which could loosely be called "an Israeli Romeo and Juliet," is about two feuding families, each of which runs an insurance company, whose children bring them together and provide a happy ending.

"Katz and Carasso" is the third major feature to be filmed in Eilat this year, with a fourth (starring Peter Ustinov) scheduled for production in November. The previous two were "Don Carlos," starring Geraldine Chaplin, and "Whisper My Name," with Joanna Petit and Tuvia Tavi.

Stolen collie back home

TEL AVIV. — An alert policeman last week reunited a stolen collie dog with his master — six weeks after the two were separated.

The policeman, on a routine patrol in the southern section of the city, spotted a youth walking a pedigreed collie. Himself a collie owner, the policeman was taken with the exceptional good looks of the dog. Since the youth was a known character to the police, the patrolman questioned him about the dog and discovered that he had obtained the dog from a friend who allegedly paid IL50 to another friend for the animal.

The policeman checked with the Israel Dog Breeders Association, which had received a complaint from the owner of the dog of its theft six weeks earlier. Within hours, dog and grateful master were together again. *(Itim)*

Dr. Reznikovitz, of M.D.A., dies at 66

TEL AVIV. — Dr. Meir Reznikovitz, a long-time staff member of the local Magen David Adom clinic, died on Friday at Tel Hashomer Hospital after a long illness. He was 66.

The funeral will take place at 2 p.m. today, when the cortege will set out for the Holon cemetery from the Tel Aviv municipal funeral parlour.

Dr. Reznikovitz was born in Riga and studied medicine in Germany. He came to Israel in 1932 and was employed by the Haifa Government Hospital until he went to work at Magen David Adom in 1935.

He is survived by his wife and one daughter. *(Itim)*

200 CHILDREN between the ages of seven and 14, half of them Jews and the other half Arabs, "graduated" at the end of last week from summer camp at the Kadoorie Agricultural School. The one-month camp was financed by Mr. Bernard Liberman of Paris, owner of several nylon stocking plants in this country.

Red Cross confirms: Israel not mistreating prisoners

TEL AVIV. — A senior official of the International Red Cross categorically denied on Friday that his organization had received any evidence that Israel was mistreating Arab prisoners of war. The official, Mr. Jean-Pierre Manoir, deputy director-general of the Red Cross, was speaking in an interview with a Galei Zahal correspondent in Geneva, which was broadcast over Israel Radio on Friday evening.

Mr. Manoir said that I.R.C. representatives in Damascus were *only allowed to meet Israeli* prisoners in an office, outside their cells — a clear violation of the Geneva Convention.

The official said that Israeli prisoners in Syria had many complaints — such as parcels from their families not being delivered intact — but that these were of a "relatively minor nature."

Asked about the 11 Israeli prisoners held by Egypt, Mr. Manoir replied that they were visited regularly by the local I.R.C. representative, who "spends hours with them." One prisoner was hospitalized and, according to the Geneva Convention, should have been repatriated to Israel.

"We would like the Egyptians to more correctly observe the Geneva Convention in this regard," Mr. Manoir stated.

In his opinion, there was little chance of a prisoner exchange in the near future between Egypt and Israel.

According to Mr. Manoir, the Egyptians justified their refusal to return their war prisoners by Israel's "violation" of Article Four, concerning the treatment of civilians in the military administered territories.

Here, Mr. Manoir had a few criticisms to make of Israel himself. He claimed that Israel had ignored a Red Cross demand to stop banishing residents from the administered territories and demolishing homes of saboteurs. He also complained that Israel did not allow *his representatives to visit saboteurs* during their interrogation by security forces.

All this was in violation of Article Four, M. Manoir said.

On the other hand, he registered with satisfaction the otherwise cordial relations existing between the Israeli authorities and the 15 Red Cross representatives in this country.

Asked if the I.R.C. had done anything about the Jews living in Arab countries — chiefly Syria — the official replied: "You must understand — this is an internal problem and we can't intervene in the internal affairs of Syria."

When the interviewer observed that the Red Cross does visit political prisoners in Greece and South American countries, the official replied: "Yes, *that's true.* But we would not be able to deal effectively with the problem of Israeli prisoners there, if we tried to involve ourselves in the issue of the local Jewish population."

Concerning Soviet Jewry, the Red Cross official revealed that his organization had for years been submitting to the Soviet authorities requests from Israelis to allow their relatives to join them in Israel.

"For years, we never received a reply, until finally we asked our Soviet counterparts if there was any point in continuing. To our surprise, the answer was — yes, we should continue." Mr. Manoir added that in the past two years the organization had received a few favourable replies, and that it would continue to handle these requests.

Nevertheless, he stressed, the Red Cross does not concern itself with the situation of Soviet Jewry, "since that is an internal matter." *(Itim)*

Social worker held for robbing widow

TEL AVIV. — A Ramat Gan social worker, suspected of pocketing IL30,000 belonging to an elderly widow whose case he was handling, was remanded here yesterday for 10 days.

The man, David Aziza, 35, had earlier this year been assigned the task of managing the widow's affairs by the Ramat Gan Municipality. She signed over her money and property to the Municipality, but according to the police, Aziza embezzled some IL30,000 and covered it up by doctoring his report.

Questioned a month ago by the police, Aziza allegedly left town and went into hiding. He maintained contact with the Municipality and the Police through his brothers.

Finally, he turned up at Police headquarters, accompanied by his attorney, Mr. Gabriel Levy. He was immediately arrested.

Tel Aviv Magistrate's Court Judge Menahem Elan turned down the lawyer's request to free Aziza *on bail, and ordered him remanded* for 10 days pending completion of the investigation. *(Itim)*

New electronic equipment for Lod passenger terminal

LOD AIRPORT. — Electronically operated flight arrival and departure notice boards are being installed at Lod Airport terminal. They will replace the inefficient old system by which arrival and departure changes are recorded by hand — so inefficient that occasionally flight arrival changes were recorded after the plane had landed.

The new boards, made in Italy, are automatically operated from a central control panel. They are expected to go into operation by the end of this week. *(Itim)*

Fire sweeps through car junkyard

RAMLE. — A large fire on Friday afternoon swept through a junkyard of old vehicles, captured during the Six Day War. The yard, on the Ramle-Beit Dagon road, is owned by a private dealer.

Some 10 fire engines arrived on the scene, but the fire fighters' work was made difficult by the lack of hydrants and the frequent explosions of fuel tanks in the burning cars. The fire was finally brought under control by the use of chemical sprays. *(Itim)*

Zuabi back from Hadassah convention

LOD AIRPORT. — Deputy Health Minister Abdul Aziz Zuabi returned on Friday from the U.S., where he represented the Government of Israel at the Hadassah convention in Cleveland.

Mr. Zuabi said he reported to numerous concerned groups — including Professors for Peace in the Middle East — that, as an Israeli Arab, he could already see the first signs of peace in this region. *(Itim)*

Money problems irk Galilee council heads

Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA. — Over 100 local council chairmen of Arab and Druse villages in Galilee met with leaders of the Local Authorities Union at the Carmelia Hotel on Friday, to discuss their problems. Judging from their questions, these can be fairly summed up with the word "money."

One of the chairmen went as far as to call for greater government grants to enable him to ease the local tax burden of his residents — because "if I make them pay the full taxes due, why should they vote for me again?" Others complained that the Ministry of Interior has been holding back its approval for local master plans "for over three years," making it impossible to develop the villages properly.

Other complaints were that the Ministry's grants to the councils were less per capita than those given to Jewish localities, and all the chairmen demanded that the Ministry loans should not be linked.

In reply, the chairman of the Union, Mr. Pinhas Eilon, stressed that the Government was ready to assist with development plans, but that the initiative and most of the funds must come from the villages themselves. As to the specific issues raised, he said that the master plans are now under active consideration and he hoped they would soon be approved.

"The problem is whether your residents are ready to obey the law and pull down buildings put up illegally," he said. He also stated that the Ministry is now working out a set of rules to govern its grants to the local authorities. This would be a unified scale, equal for Jewish and Arab localities alike. As to linked loans, he noted that all the Ministry's loans to local authorities are linked to the c.o.l. index, and this could not be changed.

Other speakers included Mr. M. Surkis, chairman of the Knesset's Interior Committee, Beersheba Mayor Eliahu Navi, and Mr. Shraga Netzer of the Labour party.

British Marine commandos descend from Royal Air Force Wessex helicopter close to the main Limavady-Colera road in Operation Stopgap, to catch wanted men who have escaped the internment net. *(AP radiophoto)*

August death toll in Ulster up to 35

LONDONDERRY, Northern Ireland (UPI). — A group of Roman Catholics, led by a handbag-swinging woman, attacked three policemen yesterday near a Catholic civil rights rally. None of the officers was seriously hurt.

In Belfast, an explosion rocked the customs and excise headquarters, an army spokesman said. Two persons were injured.

The death toll in the August violence in the province rose to 35, 29 of them civilians — with the discovery yesterday of the body of a civilian in a Belfast street, a police spokesman said.

The body of Sam Miller, 40, was found in Townsend Street, a mainly Protestant area. He had a gunshot wound in the head. The spokesman said the case was being treated as murder.

In the early morning hours, gunmen fired a burst of automatic fire and two single shots at two Londonderry army posts. The fire was not returned and there were no casualties, an army spokesman said.

Peach growers protest with bombs

PARIS. — Two plastic explosive charges blew out the windows of a central France police station at Valence yesterday and the "terrorists" left behind the symbol of their resistance movement — a crate of peaches. For this ripe, juicy fruit is the centre of a wave of violence by French peach growers, faced with a glut.

In the past month they have literally barricaded the main entrance of town halls with tons of peaches and at key cross-roads used by tourists they have laid a carpet of peaches to halt all traffic.

Needless to say, politicians in the peach-growing areas of France who are pro-government come under heavy fire from over-ripe peaches.

At one stage, pictures of starving Pakistani refugees were published in French newspapers alongside other pictures showing French farmers digging giant trenches to bury their fruit, making petrol-soaked bonfires of them or usually upending truck loads in the gardens of local National Assembly deputies or mayors.

But why?

Owing to certain conditions peculiar to France alone, peach growers face immense difficulties selling their product.

Firstly, they claim the prices they are paid by middlemen are too low to cover their costs and far below the market price paid by the housewife.

But there are more complicated factors.

The main peach market is Paris. In August up to two million Parisians leave the capital and two-thirds of the grocery shops shut. The result is that highly perishable peaches are only brought to Paris in relatively small quantities. Efforts to seek out peach-loving Parisians in their holiday haunts have always failed.

Any other country would solve the problem by canning them. France has few canning plants, so this possibility is ruled out. Another solution would be to make a deliciously refreshing peach juice drink. But the powerful French *wine lobby has always managed* to stifle any such attempt by seeing that a glass of wine is always half the price of any fruit juice.

In any case, it is by no means certain that a Frenchman could ever muster up the nerve to go into a his favourite bistro and order a fruit juice

The growers want some kind of government subsidy, but this has been turned down as France's industrial workers are already uneasy at the massive state subsidies being paid to farmers. Peach growers just happen to have the ill-luck of being the last in the farm subsidy queue.

U.N. c'tee refuses to hear Israel

UNITED NATIONS. — The Committee *on the Elimination of Racial* Discrimination rejected on Friday a request from Israel Ambassador Shabtai Rosenne for a hearing on a Syrian charge against Israel.

The charge, made in a Syrian report submitted under the international convention on the elimination of all forms of racial discrimination, was that Israel was practising such discrimination in the Golan Heights.

The committee, meeting under that convention, voted 10-0 not to hear Dr. Rosenne, with three members abstaining.

The Syrian claim, in a letter to Secretary-General U Thant, released earlier on Friday, was that "charitable" funds collected by the United Jewish Appeal were being used to help Israel's "colonization" of the Golan Heights.

In a letter to U Thant dated Wednesday, Syrian Ambassador George Tomeh called attention to a Jewish Telegraphic Agency story from Tel Aviv which predicted that in seven years the Israeli population of the Golan Heights would reach 15,000 to 17,000.

Mr. Tomeh said it was "significant that the Jewish Agency spokesman who made the forecast, Meir Shamir, was an American citizen of the Jewish faith."

Mr. Tomeh asked that his letter be circulated as a General Assembly and Security Council document. *(AP, Reuter)*

Danish rescuer of Jewish children here for visit

Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA. — A retired Danish teacher who rescued Jewish children during the Nazi occupation, arrived here in the m.s. Dan on Friday, to stay for a year "to see the country properly and learn Hebrew." She is Gerda Valentinar, 68, and during her stay will also visit several of the children she had helped escape to Sweden.

She told *The Post* that "I only did what many Danes did, nothing special. We thought it perfectly natural to help people in mortal trouble." After the war she took leave of absence from her job, and for two years volunteered to do social work in the Jewish refugee camps in Germany and Austria. She has been here five times before, "but now I'm on pension and I have the time to really see the country and live with Jewish people," she said.

The ship also brought 80 immigrants from Europe and the U.S., and a group of 42 German members of an amateur choir from Heilbronn, near Stuttgart. They brought their own air-conditioned bus with them, in which they will travel here. The choir leader said that they sing Negro spirituals and psalms, and expect to sing in the Church of the Nativity in Bethlehem, in Jerusalem, as well as at Kibbutz Yifat, where they will also do several days of work, and at Shave Zion. They are staying for a fortnight and will return in the Dan.

Altogether some 1,600 passengers, tourists and Israelis returning from European holidays arrived on Friday in four ships. One of them, the Greek Fiorita, arrived directly from Beirut, with 473 tourists from 18 countries, for a day's stay. Most of them visited Jerusalem during the day.

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West Bank political meeting approved

Jerusalem Post Arab Affairs Reporter

Defence Minister Moshe Dayan has given permission for the Arab mayors in Judea and Samaria to convene a large gathering of West Bank notables to discuss political issues, *The Jerusalem Post* learned over the week-end. This will be the first approved political meeting in the West Bank since the 1967 war.

Mr. Dayan was said to have informed a West Bank mayor that the gathering could discuss "whatever it deemed fit."

Meanwhile, Hebron mayor Sheikh Mohammed Ali Ja'abari told *The Jerusalem Post* that a gathering of West Bank notables "will be held," although the time and the place of the meeting have not yet been set.

The meeting was requested by the West Bank mayors at the first conference they held in Beit Sahur about a fortnight ago. The expanded meeting was then planned to discuss political issues, which the Beit Sahur conference was barred from dealing with; its agenda was confined to the issue of the Arab League's threat to boycott West Bank and Gaza Strip products exported to neighbouring Arab states.

Sheikh Ja'abari thus confirmed earlier reports which other mayors had rushed to deny, amid Jordanian and Fatah warnings against local political moves.

Next Sunday Mayor Ja'abari is scheduled to give a luncheon for the 23 West Bank mayors who took part in the Beit Sahur conference.

Nothing has been said so far about the topics which may be raised at the planned gathering, but Sheikh Ja'abari has been stressing the necessity of working for an "end to the military government" in the West Bank.

Sheikh Ja'abari said over the week-end that the local population cannot go on accepting the present situation indefinitely. When asked about Egyptian President Anwar Sadat's warning that this year would be decisive, the influential Hebron leader said that he has "heard similar statements in the past," and added that "even 1972 will not be decisive."

Traffic on the Haifa road, at the junction with the Jerusalem road, was held up for several hours on Friday when these big rolls of paper spilled off the truck that was carrying them. In the picture (taken from atop a police vehicle, while policemen rerouted traffic), a crane replaces the rolls on the truck. (Israel Sun photo)

POLICE TO PROBE LANSKY STORY

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — The Minister of Police has appointed a committee to investigate allegations that a senior police officer, Tat-Nitzav Aharon Chelouche gave a warning to a lawyer connected with the Lansky case, and thereby interfered with police action in the case.

The report was published in the "Ha'aretz" daily on Friday that Deputy Mayor Basok (N.R.P.) had offered its reporter Yigal Laviv a large sum in dollars for documents he had collected in the U.S. on the operations of Meyer Lansky.

The committee appointed by Police Minister Shlomo Hillel will include the Director-General of the Education Ministry, Mr. Elad Peled; Director of the Police Ministry, Nitzav Y. Ben-Porath, and Deputy State Attorney Y. Blatman.

Mr. Laviv said that Mr. Basok, who is a prominent member of the National Religious Party, and has a law practice, told him he was making the offer on behalf of Mr. Lansky and his friend, Joe Stasher. Later Mr. Basok confirmed he was Mr. Stasher's lawyer. The contact between Mr. Laviv and Mr. Basok was made by an intermediary, who later, it turned out, was Hatzofe reporter Shaul Shiff.

Mr. Laviv has been running a series of articles on Mr. Lansky's alleged involvement in organized crime in the U.S. Mr. Lansky recently sued "Yediot Aharonot" for libel for IL1m. after the paper had printed reports claiming he was the mastermind behind organized crime in the U.S. The Minister of Interior last week extended Mr. Lansky's resident visa by one month. Mr. Stasher, on the other hand, acquired Israel citizenship through Mr. Basok's efforts, according to Rabbi Menahem Porush, M.K.

Mr. Laviv wrote he went to see Mr. Basok after his editor advised him to consult with the chief of the C.I.D., Nitzav-Mishne Shmuel Roth. The reporter went on to charge that when meeting Mr. Basok for a second time, it emerged that he had been warned not to make any transactions in dollars. Mr. Laviv charged that the head of the National Police Department for Special Duties, Tat-Nitzav Aharon Chelouche, had contacted Mr. Basok and asked about dollar transactions he might be making. Instead, Mr. Basok paid him on account IL500 in Israeli currency for any expenses incurred in making photocopies of the documents involved. Mr. Laviv wrote that the notes were counted and registered by Samal Miller of the Police Foreign Currency Division and deposited with them. The sergeant had waited outside Mr. Basok's law office, in case he offered Mr. Laviv any dollars.

NO DOLLARS SEEN

Mr. Shiff told *The Jerusalem Post* yesterday that he had been talking with Mr. Basok about the visit to Tel Aviv of Hebron Mayor Ja'abari, when the Deputy Mayor asked him whether he knew Mr. Laviv and whether he could persuade him to meet him. Mr. Shiff said he saw IL500 being handed over by Mr. Basok to Mr. Laviv. "But I did not see any dollars." Mr. Shiff believed that Mr. Basok made the deal in his capacity as Mr. Stasher's lawyer to find out whether there was anything damaging to his client's interests in these documents.

He confirmed that he had surmised that the senior police officer, whom Mr. Basok mentioned as having informed him of the police interest in the case, was Mr. Chelouche because he had worked with Mr. Basok in the Gaza Strip in 1956.

According to Mr. Laviv's story, Mr. Basok confirmed that he met Mr. Lansky frequently, particularly in the sauna of the Tel Aviv Sheraton Hotel Health Club.

Mr. Basok was not available for comment last night. When I phoned his home both on Friday before Sabbath and last night after the Sabbath, I was told he had just stepped out and would be back later on. Some contradictions do appear between the statements he made on Friday to "Ma'ariv" and "Yediot Aharonot," and to the radio midday newsreel. In the former, he charged that Mr. Shiff contacted him on Mr. Laviv's behalf asking for a sum of money for the documents. However, by the time the radio got to him, he had retracted the charges and conceded that he had made the approach himself. This followed Mr. Shiff's charge in the afternoon press that Mr. Basok was lying.

'NOTHING WRONG'

As for Tat-Nitzav Chelouche's role, Mr. Basok said he met him after encountering him at the funeral of the father of the Attorney-General, and asked him whether there was anything wrong in buying documents for a client. "He said there was nothing wrong in that as long as dollars were not involved. I also told Chelouche that I was sure that there was nothing against my client, Stasher, and that I am ready to put at his disposal any material I get."

Tat-Nitzav Chelouche told the press that he was not aware that Mr. Stasher was Mr. Basok's client. He conceded that he might have made a mistake by talking to the lawyer. The police officer gave a different version of their meeting to Mr. Basok: "I had some information about a certain meeting. I was unaware exactly of what it was all about, so I initiated a meeting with Basok and told him that if he should exert pressure on a journalist or give him money without a receipt or pay him in foreign currency — that would be illegal..." The police officer denied that he intended warning Mr. Basok "but sought to obtain information." He added that when he initiated the meeting with Mr. Basok he was unaware that another police department was on the job.

BAT YAM RESIDENTS will see Israel Television programmes over Channel 5 as of today, instead of Channel 7. The local transmitter will work on Chanel 5 on an experimental basis, in an attempt to improve the quality of television transmissions in this area.

CRUISE OF DEATH

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waters from the decks.

"The flames drove us into the water," said Frenchman Michel Benoit, of Lyon, one of some 40 survivors taken to the seaport of Monopoli, north of here.

"The whole ship was burning," he said. "They didn't even put down the lifeboats. We just jumped in our life belts. I don't know who picked us up."

The Italian Ministry of Merchant Marine said passengers were mostly Greek, Italian, French, West German, Austrian and Swiss citizens with "possibly one or two English aboard."

Reports varied on how many vehicles were aboard but it appeared the Heleanna was carrying a near capacity load. She was rated to carry 270 automobiles and 22 trucks or buses.

Brindisi echoed with the sound of wailing sirens as ambulances rushed back and forth between the port and the main hospital bringing in the injured.

Other survivors who poured in aboard the Italian vessel Bordighera and other vessels were taken first for medical checkups and then to the city's two big hotels.

Queues built-up in front of improvized offices in the hotel lobbies where local officials handed out vouchers enabling the survivors to buy new shoes and clothes. Some survivors were wearing underwear, bathing costumes or pyjamas.

Survivors complained bitterly that the crew did little to bring order to the scene of chaos on board, when screaming passengers, including lost children, scrambled for safety.

"There was a total lack of co-ordination," said Jean d'Heibonnez, a 41-year-old surgeon from France. He called the situation on board after the fire broke out "shocking and disgraceful," and claimed that the ship had only 12 lifeboats capable of carrying 68 persons each, totalling somewhat more than half of those on board.

"Nobody told us there was a fire on board," he said. "Nobody told us to abandon ship. We had to do everything ourselves."

He said he was awakened by a rumble and ran into the galleries, already filling with choking smoke. "We all assembled on the sun deck. There was no announcement from the loudspeakers," he said.

One lifeboard being lowered capsized and this was what started the worst panic, he said. "I saw people jumping into the sea with no life jackets. There was no assistance from the sailors to coordinate the exit."

Hans Gold of Salzburg, Austria, saved himself and his family — wife and three teen-aged children — by jumping overboard in life jackets. "I have been at sea many times," said Mr. Gold, an engineer, "but I never witnessed such mad scenes."

AFRICA

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ward energetically and not given up for lost.

Observers here note that the fact that the OAU decision referred to contacts with Egypt and Israel, and not other Arab states, indicated the OAU's policy to concern itself with African affairs.

Earlier press reports that Emperor Haile Selasie of Ethiopia was to have been a member of the four-man committee proved unfounded and a disappointment to Israel. Of the four Presidents, those of Congo-Kinshasa and the Cameroun recently held wide-ranging talks with Mr. Eban during his African tour in June. The latest contact with the Nigerian President was through Prime Minister Golda Meir's messages sent to nine of the 10 members of the OAU Middle East Commission.

Sources in Jerusalem say that relations with Nigeria have recently become "stabilized" following Mr. Eban's Knesset statement supporting Nigeria's efforts for federal unity and the realization that Israel's stand during the civil war had stemmed from humanitarian prompting. As regards Senegal, its President frequently receives the Israel Ambassador to discuss current developments, it is said. But the last high-level meeting with Senegal took place in 1966, when the late Premier Eshkol met President Senghor in Dakar.

Israel diplomats in Africa have recently been stepping up information activities, and Mr. Eban last week held talks with African Government leaders who attended the Rehovot Conference. The salient point pressed home by the Israel representatives — and also in Mrs. Meir's messages — was that Israel had the right to freely negotiate agreement on conditions of peace including borders without Big Power or any other outside dictate.

Nahalal marks 50th birthday

Jerusalem Post Reporter

NAHALAL. — On a full chord of joy, pride and a sense of fulfillment the people of this Moshav, numbering about 1,200, last night celebrated the 50th anniversary of its foundation, in the presence of numerous guests, headed by Mr. David Ben-Gurion and Nahalal's most famous son, Moshe Dayan, Knesset Members, army officers, soldiers and neighbours.

A crowd of 4,000 gathered at the improvised open-air amphitheatre, the veterans in their eighties and seventies sitting on the front benches. The celebration opened with songs and congratulatory speeches. Mr. Ben-Gurion and Mr. Dayan were not scheduled to speak.

The central address was that of Aharon Uzan, the secretary of the Moshav Movement, who brought the greetings and good wishes of its 235 affiliated Moshavim with a population of 85,000. "The movement's finest hour was in the fifties when the sons of the Moshavim went out to the new settlements to ease their growing pains... their finest hour yet to come will be when we together, the immigrants of yesterday and you, the veterans, will set up a new movement of volunteers to help the underprivileged of the country's population... and perhaps this place here, Nahalal, and this occasion are best suited to call on thousands of Moshavniks, sons and parents alike, to rise to this effort."

Among the speakers were Zvi Livneh (Libermann), on behalf of Nahalal's founding grandfathers, Haim Re'em, the chairman of the Kishon District Council. Twenty-one boys and girls on the evening of their entry into the army were each presented with a volume on the history of Nahalal.

A pageant in word, song and dance portrayed on the stage the story of the country's first Moshav.

Sabbath protests in Jerusalem, Bnei Brak

Jerusalem police quickly dispersed a budding demonstration of ultra-Orthodox Jews yesterday afternoon, when a few residents of Mea Shearim started marching down Jaffa Road toward the entrance to town. Earlier in the week the police had announced they would not allow demonstrations in the main streets of the Capital.

The would-be demonstrators returned to Mea Shearim without incident. As the Sabbath ended, however, youngsters set up a stone and barrel barricade in Rehov Mea Shearim and began stoning buses and cars. Police scattered the barricade and normal traffic resumed.

Later in the evening bus traffic was again disrupted by more stone throwing. Egged suspended its service into the quarter, but an Orthodox group immediately set up a private "transport" service of tenders.

Meanwhile, in Petah Tikva on Friday night, some 3,000 Sabbath worshippers left their synagogues and formed *minyanim* (groups of at least 10 adult male worshippers) along Rehov Hovevei Zion. When they finished the evening prayers, they congregated in front of the Great Synagogue there and heard speeches by rabbis protesting Friday-night performances in the Oron amphitheatre and a recent statement by the Petah Tikva Labour Council secretary that city by-laws on Sabbath observance were impossible to follow. *(Itim)*

U.S. diplomat here for visit

LOD AIRPORT. — An American diplomat, Mr. William Middendorf, arrived here from Egypt on Friday on what was described as "the second leg of a Middle East vacation tour."

A spokesman at the U.S. Embassy in Tel Aviv said Mr. Middendorf, the U.S. Ambassador to the Netherlands, was not scheduled to meet any Israeli officials. He is here with his wife and children.

In Cairo, however, he spent an hour with Egyptian Foreign Minister Mahmoud Riad discussing the American peace initiative and the Middle East crisis.

Mr. Middendorf is a former Republican Party official and a friend of President Nixon. He has been mentioned as a possible replacement for U.S. Ambassador Walworth Barbour in Tel Aviv. *(Itim)*

Five killed on roads

Jerusalem Post Staff

As of last night, five persons were killed in traffic accidents over the week-end.

In Jerusalem's Kiryat Menahem Quarter, a four-year-old girl, Esther Hasson, was killed Friday afternoon when a car driven by Mula Yehudian, 47, of Ir Ganim, swerved onto a sidewalk ploughing into a group of pedestrians. Pnina Benvenisti, 11, and Mrs. Alice Biton, 25, of Eilat, were seriously injured. Mrs. Biton's infant son, whom she was holding in her arms at the time, and another girl, were slightly injured.

Yesterday, Yitzhak Ben-Galit, 46, of Ilanot, was fatally injured — and his wife and eight-year-old son seriously hurt — when the motor tricycle he was driving collided with a truck at the Beit Lid intersection. They were taken to Hillel Joffe Hospital in Hadera. Ben-Galit died shortly after admission; his wife, Miriam, 50, and son Nissim were last night reported out of danger.

The truck driver, Yoel Aberbach, 58, of Rehovot, was detained for questioning.

A 20-year-old pedestrian, Yehudit Ozer, was killed early Saturday morning when she was struck by a car on the Haifa-Tel Aviv road, near Kiryat Eliezer. The car, driven by Aryeh Cohen, 21, of Kiryat Bialik, had apparently swerved onto a traffic safety island and hit the girl. Mr. Cohen, and a passenger, Amir Gurkoover, 20, were seriously injured.

In Tel Aviv, Haim Mahlouf, 18, died on the way to hospital after he was struck by a hit-and-run jeep while riding his bicycle in Or Yehuda. Police later arrested an Or Yehuda man suspected of driving the jeep.

One person was killed, and three others seriously injured in a collision between a car and a truck on the Beit-Govrin-Kiryat Gat road yesterday at noon. The names of the victims were not released. Two ambulances rushed to the scene and took the injured to the Government Hospital in Ashkelon.

At Hadassah Hospital in Jerusalem last night, Dr. Moshe Avidor, director of the Israel Academy of Sciences and Humanities, was in serious condition from injuries received when he was struck by a car last Wednesday after alighting from a bus on Ruppin Road, near the Hebrew University.

Dr. Avidor is a former director-general of the Jewish Agency and the Ministry of Education, and has served as Israel's Ambassador to Unesco in Paris.

Social welfare workers are terrorized

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — The two main social welfare bureaux in this town have been shut down by their social workers after a series of violent acts by applicants who sought to terrorize the staff into giving them money. The offices at King George Street, for the central area, and Rehov Mikve Israel, for the Hatikva quarter and southern districts, are shut.

Mayor Yehoshua Rabinowitz was due to meet with Tel Aviv Police Commander Nitzav Yehuda Prag to discuss police protection for the social workers, probably by stationing policemen in the offices.

The social workers union on Friday held an emergency session to protest the attacks on members in the Tel Aviv bureaux.

Municipal sources explained last night that the specific instances of the two main bureaux in Tel Aviv was a combination of criminal elements and drug addicts trying to terrorize the social workers into giving them money.

Overseas phone calls up by 20 per cent

The prices of overseas telephone calls, telex transmissions, cables and parcels to destinations abroad are going up 20 per cent. A proposal of the Minister of Communications to this effect was adopted on Friday by the Knesset Finance Committee.

But the Committee will ask the Government to reconsider a proposal to raise postal rates for overland, sea and airmail by 10 per cent, it was announced.

Three killed in refugee camps

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A terrorist and two other residents of the Gaza Strip were killed and 16 others were arrested over the week-end during comb-out operations in three refugee camps.

On Friday, about nine p.m., an army patrol was out looking for terrorists in the vicinity of the Rafah refugee camp. Upon discerning several persons escaping, they opened fire, killing a woman and a child and injuring another child.

Yesterday, security forces rounded up 16 persons during a search of the Burej camp, just south of Gaza town. The detainees are suspected of terrorist activity or of abetting other terrorists. Defence Minister Moshe Dayan; the C/O Southern Command, Aluf Ariel Sharon; and the Commander of the Gaza Strip and Northern Sinai, Tat-Aluf Yitzhak Pundak, were present during the comb-out and arrests.

In the afternoon, a known terrorist was shot and killed during a search at Nazla, next to the Jebalya refugee camp. A weapon and a grenade were found on the body.

"Itim" reported that the terrorist was one of a gang of four who had appeared at the home of a Nazla resident in the morning and demanded that he dig an ammunition bunker for them. When he refused, they dragged him into a nearby grove where they were reportedly about to "liquidate" him when the army patrol spotted them. A clash ensued, in which three of the terrorists escaped and the fourth was killed by Israeli gunfire. The soldiers and the Nazla man were unharmed.

The news agency also reports that an explosive charge went off at eight p.m. Friday under a telephone pole near the military governor's headquarters in El Arish. The pole was knocked down, but the telephone connection was not severed.

Friendly soccer matches held

TEL AVIV. — As preparation for the opening of the season on September 18, many friendly soccer matches yesterday took place. The main attraction was in Haifa where Tel Aviv Maccabi beat Haifa Maccabi by 1:0.

Other results: Jerusalem Betar — Petah Tikva Maccabi 4:1; Petah Tikva Hapoel — Jaffa Maccabi 4:0; Netanya Maccabi — Haifa Hapoel 3:1; Beersheba Hapoel — Jerusalem Hapoel 4:1.

Rabbi Margalioth dies at 82

TEL AVIV. — Rabbi Reuven Margalioth, a former Mizrahi leader and Torah scholar, died Friday at Ichilov Hospital here. He was 82.

A three-time recipient of the Rabbi Kook Prize for Torah Literature, Rabbi Margalioth published some 50 books on Halacha, Hassidism, Kabala and Jewish history.

The funeral cortege will leave at 3 p.m. today from his home at 3 Rehov Yavne here for the Nahlat Yitzhak cemetery. *(Itim)*

Boy back from Lebanon

ACRE. — An Israeli youth who strayed across the Lebanese border on Wednesday was returned to Israel on Friday.

Yoram Wechsler, 16, of Holon was travelling in the North with some friends when he crossed the border by accident near Rosh Hanikra and was arrested by Lebanese security forces.

He was returned just two days later through the intervention of the International Red Cross.

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	Yesterday's humidity	Yesterday's Max.	Yesterday's Min.	Forecast
Jerusalem	42	31	18	[illegible]
Golan	44	31	16	[illegible]
Maharlya	—	31	—	[illegible]
Safed	42	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Haifa Port	76	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Tiberias	—	[illegible]	—	[illegible]
Nazareth	38	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Afula	38	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Shomron	42	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Tel Aviv	68	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Lod Airport	68	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Jericho	28	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Gaza	68	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Beersheba	28	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Eilat	28	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Tiran Straits	M	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]

ARRIVALS

Mr. Yisrael Kargman, M.K., [illegible] of the Knesset Finance Committee, [illegible] the other members of the Committee, from a tour of Belgium, Holland, Germany, Denmark and Sweden, to study added value taxes.

The Chairman of the Executive Council of the Weizmann Institute of Science, Mr. Maurice Boukstein, from a business tour of the U.S. and Europe (by TWA).

Mr. Cyril Edgar, Vice-President of Walt Disney Productions, to visit Walt Disney's representatives in Israel, Forum Film Ltd.

DEPARTURES

The Housing Minister of the Ivory Coast, Mr. Alexis Thierry-Lobeid; the Vice-President of the Malagasy Republic, Mr. Gaston Lechat; and the Deputy Prime Minister of Gambia, Mr. Sheriff Dibba, after participating in the Sixth Rehovot Conference.

Dr. Arye Ge'alim, chief economist at the Bank of Israel, to Sweden, for the convention of the International Association for the Study of Income and Capital.

Ald. Michael Fidler, M.P., President of the Board of Deputies of British Jews, and Mrs. Fidler, for London (by El Al).

Miss Beatrice J. Harwell, Honorary Secretary of the Zionist Federation, for London (by B.O.A.C.).

Explosion at ex-police chief's apartment

TEL AVIV. — A small bomb exploded early yesterday morning in front of the Givatayim apartment of the former chief of the Tel Aviv Police District.

The former police chief, Mr. Ya'acov Kanner, of 6 Rehov Gibon, is currently head of the Tel Aviv municipal inspection network. The bomb was believed to have been planted as a threat to Mr. Kanner, who is known for his particularly strict enforcement of city licensing regulations.

The explosive charge, estimated to have weighed about half a kilo, went off at 3 a.m. It damaged a first-floor apartment in the three-storey building and destroyed a wall of the building's storage room and several front doors. No one was reported hurt. *(Itim)*

Israelis now third in yacht tourney

CHERBOURG, France (UPI). — The Australian brothers Peter and Steve Sievewright yesterday won the fifth of six races in the world 420 yachting championships to set up a thrilling final duel today with French Brothers Eric and Thierry Poirray with whom they now hold the joint lead. The Poirrays finished second yesterday.

The Israeli pair of Yoel Selz and Gilad Amir finished third to move up from fourth to third spot in the overall standings, with outgoing Australian champions John Gilbert and Douglas Giles finishing fifth yesterday to drop back into fourth place.

The Sievewrights only once lost their lead on the triangular course in Cherbourg bay. The wind was force four.

The final race will be sailed today with the best five of the six races being counted towards finding a new champion.

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